1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA 2 3 LISA BARBOUNIS, CIVIL ACTION Plaintiff, 4 5 vs. MIDDLE EAST FORUM, et al., : 6 Defendants. NO. 2:19-cv-05030-GAM 7 8 Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9 10 11 Videotaped deposition of DANIEL PIPES, 12 taken pursuant to Notice and remotely via Zoom at 13 1650 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commencing at 10:08 a.m., and reported 14 15 stenographically by Grace M. Baldino, Professional 16 Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the 17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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Page 5 Page 7 (It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and 1 **EXAMINATION** 2 among counsel for the respective parties that 2 3 sealing, certification and filing are waived; 3 BY MR. CARSON: and that all objections, except as to the form 4 4 Q. Mr. Pipes, we're here today to take your of the question, be reserved until the time of deposition in the matter of Lisa Barbounis vs. The 5 Middle East Forum, Gregg Roman, Daniel Pipes, which 6 trial.) 7 is you, and we're here today to take your deposition. Have you ever done a deposition before? 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the 9 9 A. No. record. Today's date is Tuesday, November 17th, 2020, and the time is 10:08 a.m. EST. 10 Q. I'm sorry? 10 This is the recorded video deposition of Daniel 11 11 A. No. Pipes in the matter of Lisa Barbounis versus 12 Q. Okay. So I think you probably watched 12 Middle East Forum, et al. in the United States enough of these now that you can probably give me 13 District Court, Eastern District of the instructions back to me, but I'm just gonna run 14 14 through them really quickly anyway, and if you have Pennsylvania, Code No. 2:19-CV-05030-GAM. My 15 15 any questions about the deposition, just speak up name is Luke Zabroske from Everest Court 16 and ask, and we'll make sure we answer them for you. Reporting. I am the video specialist. The 17 court reporter today is Grace Baldino, also So the first thing is that it's a question and 18 from Everest Court Reporting. All counsel answer session. We're here today. I'm gonna ask 19 appearing today will be noted on the 20 20 questions. You're gonna provided responses. You stenographic record. Will the court reporter can provide any response that you want -- yes, no, 21 21 please swear in the witness. 22 "I don't know," "I don't remember," or any other 22 THE COURT REPORTER: Due to the need for responsive -- or any other responsive answer that 23 23 this deposition to take place remotely because 24 you care to provide today, but it's important that 24 Page 6 Page 8 all your answers be verbal. So nods and shrugs and 1 of the Government's order for social "uh-huhs" and "uh-uhs," you know, we all kind of do 2 distancing, the parties will stipulate that the that sometimes. If you do, I may ask you to speak court reporter may swear in the witness 3 remotely via videoconference and that the up and just say yes or no. It's just that we're 4 5 witness has verified that he is, in fact, trying to create a clear record, okay? 6 Daniel Pipes. Will the attorneys please 6 A. Yes. 7 indicate agreement by stating your name and 7 Q. Yes? 8 your agreement on the record, beginning with 8 A. Yes. counsel for plaintiff. 9 9 Q. Okay. So the second thing is if I ask you a question and you answer the question, we're gonna 10 MR. CARSON: I represent Lisa Barbounis. assume that you understood the question. If there's My name is Seth Carson. 11 any questions today that you don't understand, all 12 MR. CAVALIER: Jon Cavalier at Cozen O'Connor representing the Middle East Forum. you have to do is ask me to rephrase or repeat it, 13 We agree to that condition, and also I'll note and we'll be happy to do that today, okay? 14 14 15 for the record the witness will read and sign. 15 A. Yes. Q. It's important that we don't speak over THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. 16 16 each other today. So, especially with Zoom, I think 17 MR. RIESER: William Rieser on behalf of 17 that software only can hear one person talking at a Gregg Roman, and I agree to those conditions as 18 time or record one person talking at a time, so 19 19 well. Thank you. please do me a favor. Let me finish my answer. I 20 20 promise I'll let you finish your -- let me finish my 21 DANIEL PIPES, after having been first remotely duly sworn, was examined and testified 22 question. I promise I'll let your finish your 22 response, and we'll try not to drive the court 23 as follows:

reporter crazy today with interruptions, okay?

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| 1 | A. Yes. | 1 | Q. The organization is a 501(c)(3); is that |
| 2 | Q. You've been sworn in, so you're under | 2 | correct? |
| 3 | oath. It's important that all your responses be to | 3 | A. Yes. |
| 4 | the best honest and truthful to the best of your | 4 | Q. What is a $501(c)(3)$? |
| 5 | ability. Do you understand that? | 5 | A. Nonprofit. |
| 6 | A. I do. | 6 | Q. Are there different types of nonprofit |
| 7 | Q. Can you please state your full name for | 7 | organizations? |
| 8 | the record? | 8 | A. Yes. |
| 9 | A. Daniel Pipes. | 9 | Q. Is there a 501(c)(4)? |
| 10 | Q. And, Mr. Pipes, where do you work? | 10 | A. Yes. |
| 11 | A. Middle East Forum. | 11 | Q. Is there a 501(c)(2)? |
| 12 | Q. And how long have you worked with the | 12 | A. I don't know. |
| 13 | Middle East Forum? | 13 | Q. So what's the difference between a |
| 14 15 | A. Twenty-six years. | 14 15 | 501(c)(3) and a 501(c)(4)? |
| 16 | Q. How did the Middle East Forum come into | 16 | A. I don't know. It's a legal matter. You |
| 17 | existence? | 17 | can look it up. |
| 18 | A. I created it with a couple of colleagues.Q. Who did you create it with? | 18 | Q. Is the difference have anything to do with solicitation or activities with politics? |
| 19 | A. Albert Wood, Amy Shargel. | 19 | A. I'm a specialist on the Middle East, not |
| 20 | Q. Can you say those names again, please? | 20 | A. This a specialist on the winding East, not American tax law. |
| 21 | A. Albert Wood, Amy Shargel. | 21 | Q. Do you know the answer? |
| 22 | Q. Amy Shardelle? Is that S-H-A-R-D-E-L-L-E? | 22 | A. No. I |
| 23 | A. G-E-L. | 23 | Q. You don't know what so tell me what a |
| 24 | Q. Do Albert Wood and Amy Shargel still have | 24 | 501(c)(3) is then. |
| | Page 10 | | Page 12 |
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| 1 | any do they still work at the Forum in any | 1 | A. A nonprofit. |
| 2 | capacity? | 2 | Q. Okay. So what type of nonprofit is it? |
| 3 | A. No. | 3 | Are you guys allowed to do political work? |
| 4 | Q. And when you created the organization 26 | 4 | A. No. |
| 5 | years ago, do you remember the date when it was | 5 | Q. Why not? |
| 6 | created, by any chance? | 6 | |
| 7 | | | A. Because our status as a 501(c)(3) does not |
| 8 | A. January 24th. | 7 | allow us to do political work. |
| | Q. What year? | 7 8 | allow us to do political work. Q. Do you ever consider opening a 501(c)(4)? |
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Page 13 Page 15 1 501(c)(3)"? 2 2 A. Not exactly rejoined. He became more (Whereupon the court reporter read back active and more of a participant in the 501(c)(3). 3 the pertinent testimony.) Q. What do you mean, he became more active in 4 the 501(c)(3)? BY MR. CARSON: 6 A. I was approached by Lisa Barbounis, who 6 Q. Yeah. What complications are you talking 7 asked him to return -- asked me to have him return. 7 about? At that point, we proceeded in having him return 8 A. The -- the wish -- the fact that several more fully and scuttled the 501(c)(4) idea. employees have problems with his management style. Q. When did you scuttle the 501(c)(4) idea? Q. So what does a 501(c)(4) have to do with 10 A. March 2019. 11 his management style? 11 Q. In March 2018, did you say? 12 A. It would be a separate organization. 12 13 O. Would it be underneath the Middle East A. '19. 13 14 Forum? Q. '19. So what happened -- so you guys 14 don't have any interest in doing work with politics 15 15 A. No. 16 16 anymore? Q. Would it have anything to do with the 17 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. You can 17 Middle East Forum? 18 18 A. No. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you're 19 Q. It would be a completely separate organization that has nothing to do with the Middle 20 asking. East Forum? That's your testimony? BY MR. CARSON: 21 22 A. That's what the law is, I believe, that a Q. Sure. You testified earlier that the 22 reason why you were considering opening a 501(c)(4) 23 501(c)(4) is separate from a 501(c)(3), though many 23 was to allow Gregg to do work in politics, correct? organizations have both. As far as I know, they're Page 14 Page 16 A. No, I didn't say that. separate. We never did it, so I don't know the law. 1 Q. Why did you consider opening a 501(c)(4)? 2 You can check the lawbooks. 3 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. You can Q. I'm asking about your intention, though. 3 Who was gonna be the -- who were gonna be the 4 answer. 5 THE WITNESS: Because it seemed like a members of the 501(c)(4) when you were considering 6 starting one? 6 good idea and looking for a way for Gregg to be 7 part of the organization without the 7 A. What do you mean by "members"? 8 Q. Who were gonna be the officers? 8 complications that had arisen. 9 A. I don't know. We never got that far. 9 BY MR. CARSON: Q. When you start a organization like a Q. Without what complications? You gotta 10 10 501(c)(3), do you have to -- does an individual have 11 speak up, Mr. Pipes. to be listed to start the organization? 12 MR. CAVALIER: Seth, I can hear him fine. MR. CARSON: I can't, and I think --13 13 A. Check the lawbooks. I don't know. 14 14 MR. CAVALIER: Can the court reporter hear Q. Well, were you listed when you started the 15 501(c)(3)? 15 him okay? 16 THE COURT REPORTER: He's a little quiet MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 16 17 THE WITNESS: We did not start. We were 17 to me, too. 18 MR. CAVALIER: Okay. Daniel --18 planning --MR. CARSON: You can't hear him fine, 19 19 BY MR. CARSON: 20 either, so just -- I mean, he has to speak up, 20 Q. Sorry? period. 21 A. We were planning it. We did not start it. 21 Q. All right. So when you were planning on 22 THE WITNESS: What's your question? MR. CARSON: Can you read back my starting the 501(c)(4), was it your intention that 23 23

question, please? I don't remember.

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the 501(c)(4) be connected to the 501(c)(3) in some

Page 17 Page 19 capacity? not a specialist on these laws. Check your 2 2 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. lawbooks to find out what the --3 THE WITNESS: What does "connected" mean? BY MR. CARSON: 4 4 MR. CARSON: Involved with. Q. My question is about your intention --5 MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. 5 A. You're not to interrupt me, Mr. Carson. THE WITNESS: I don't know what "involved 6 You're not to interrupt me. Isn't that the rule of 7 7 this? with" means. 8 BY MR. CARSON: Q. My question is about your intention, 9 Q. Well, do you know -- do you want me to Mr. Pipes. 10 look up the definition of "involved"? What part A. I thought I am answering, and when I don't you understand? 11 answer, you be quiet. Is that not the rule? Tell 11 A. I know English, but I don't know what you 12 12 mean in this case. 13 Q. I'm asking about your intentions, 13 Q. Was there gonna be a relationship between 14 Mr. Pipes. 14 the 501(c)(3), the Middle East Forum that you are 15 A. Answer my question. Are you gonna working with now, and the 501(c)(4)? interrupt me, or you gonna let me speak? 16 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Asked and 17 17 Q. You can proceed. I don't answer your 18 answered. 18 questions today. 19 THE WITNESS: We were gonna --19 A. Well, then, I'm not gonna answers yours. MR. CARSON: What're you talking about, 20 Q. That's actually not how it works. 20 A. Well, it's gonna work that way. asked and answered? He said he doesn't know 21 21 22 Q. If you need a break --22 what I mean. 23 23 THE WITNESS: We were gonna follow the A. You're not gonna interrupt me. legal requirements, whatever those are, and I'm 24 24 Q. If you need to stop and talk to your Page 18 Page 20 not capable of telling you what those are. lawyer ---2 BY MR. CARSON: 2 A. I don't need to stop. You're not gonna 3 Q. You answer's nonresponsive. My question interrupt me. is, did you have an intention for the 501(c)(4) to 4 MR. CAVALIER: Let him finish his answer, work with the 501(c)(3)? 5 Seth. Daniel, to the extent you can answer the 6 6 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Asked and question, go ahead and try your best to answer 7 answered. Argumentative. Dan, you can answer, 7 it again. 8 8 and, again --THE WITNESS: What is the question? 9 MR. CARSON: Jon, if you keep doing it, 9 BY MR. CARSON: we're gonna get on the phone with Judge Wolson 10 Q. The question is, was the 501(c)(4) gonna 10 quick. Please, you're not gonna interrupt my be related in any way with this 501(c)(3)? 11 11 12 A. What does "related" mean? 12 deposition all day with nonsense objections. Q. Involved with, related, connected to. Was 13 MR. CAVALIER: The irony of that statement 13 coming from -there gonna be any relationship between the two 14 15 organizations? 15 MR. CARSON: You're not -- you're just not gonna do it, all right? You're not gonna do 16 16 MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. Daniel --17 17 BY MR. CARSON: 18 MR. CAVALIER: Call the judge. 18 Q. Were they gonna work together? Were they MR. CARSON: So just stop. gonna have the same staff? Was there any 19 20 MR. CAVALIER: Daniel, if you can answer relationship between the two? It's a simple question. Yes or no? the question, feel free to do so. 21 21 THE WITNESS: We were planning it. There MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. Daniel, to 22 22 23 23 are complicated laws about what you can and the extent you can answer, go ahead.

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can't do. We didn't go through with it. I'm

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THE WITNESS: One, it never happened, and,

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| 1 | two, I don't know the complex laws between | 1 | threatened to stop the deposition three times |
| 2 | of relations between threes and fours off the | 2 | in the first 20 minutes. |
| 3 | top of my head. So I cannot answer that. | 3 | MR. CAVALIER: Don't answer the question, |
| 4 | BY MR. CARSON: | 4 | Daniel. You're not under any kind of order |
| 5 | | 5 | l |
| 6 | Q. Well, do you remember when you were gonna | 6 | here today. |
| 7 | open a 501(c)(4)? Do you remember that? Do you | 7 | MR. CARSON: Yes, he is. |
| | remember what your intentions were at that time? | | MR. CAVALIER: Ask your question, Seth. |
| 8 | A. Open a 501(c)(4). | 8 | You're under an order. I'm under an order. |
| 9 | Q. Did you have any intentions with regard to | 9 | Daniel Pipes is not under any orders |
| 10 | the type of organization the 501(c)(4) was gonna | 10 | MR. CARSON: You're an agent of Mr. Pipes. |
| 11 | have with the 501(c)(3)? We're just wasting time | 11 | That's a funny characterization of the court's |
| 12 | | 12 | order, but I guess we can clear it up pretty |
| 13 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 13 | easily, but it would |
| 14 | | 14 | MR. CAVALIER: Well, I guess we should |
| 15 | THE WITNESS: Are you gonna interrupt me | 15 | probably not talk about compliance with court |
| 16 | again? | 16 | orders on the record. So if you have a |
| 17 | MR. CARSON: These aren't trick questions, | 17 | question |
| 18 | Mr. Pipes. We're just wasting time by | 18 | MR. CARSON: Got no problem talking about |
| 19 | MR. CAVALIER: Just let him try to answer | 19 | it. |
| 20 | the question. | 20 | MR. CAVALIER: Ask the question, and we'll |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: I will not be interrupted by | 21 | go forward. |
| 22 | you, Mr. Carson. | 22 | MR. CARSON: Read my last question. |
| 23 | MR. CARSON: Okay. | 23 | |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: I'm not interrupting you. | 24 | (Whereupon the court reporter read back |
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| | You don't interript me. Can I be clear on | 1 | the pertinent testimony.) |
| 2 | You don't interrupt me. Can I be clear on that? I'm not gonna proceed with this if you | 1 2 | the pertinent testimony.) |
| 2 | that? I'm not gonna proceed with this if you | | |
| 3 | that? I'm not gonna proceed with this if you keep interrupting me. Do you understand? | 2 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 3 4 | that? I'm not gonna proceed with this if you keep interrupting me. Do you understand? BY MR. CARSON: | 2 3 4 | THE WITNESS: Yes. BY MR. CARSON: |
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| 3 | technology, and so forth. So you will find on many | 3 | my statement. |
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| 23 24 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 24 | so don't even try threatening, okay, because |
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| Q. I'm not being specific. I'm being speak up. You're whispering. | |
| general. In your entire life, have you ever worked THE WITNESS: I'm speaking at normal | nal |
| with the accounting company who does the books for 4 voice. | |
| the Middle East Forum? 5 MR. CARSON: No, you're not. | |
| A. Since they started working with us, yes. 6 MR. CAVALIER: I'm not gonna let you do | ou do |
| Q. So when did they start working with you? | |
| 8 A. Early 2020. 8 MR. CARSON: Jon, stop telling me what | |
| 9 Q. What's the date? 9 you're gonna do and what you're not gonna do, | ıa do, |
| A. Early 2020. | |
| Q. Who chose them? MR. CAVALIER: All right. We're gonna | onna |
| A. Gregg looked at several companies and, in take a break. | |
| the end, decided on this one, checked with me, so I MR. CARSON: Maybe while on the break | • |
| said okay. 24 can have your client speak up when he comes | - |
| Q. Do you have one person there, or do you back because this is getting ridiculous. It's | omes |
| have more than one person that you work with? 16 just ridiculous. This is not how depositions | omes 's |
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| 2 | (Whereupon there was a recess in the | 2 | A. What do you mean? |
| 3 | proceeding from 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) | 3 | Q. Where do you keep the donations after they're made? |
| 4 | proceeding from 10.33 a.m. to 10.43 a.m.) | 4 | A. We have a bank account. |
| 5 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:45 a.m. | 5 | |
| 6 | Eastern Time. We are now on the record. Thank | 6 | Q. Okay. Do you guys invest the donations, |
| 7 | you for your patience, guys. Apologize. | 7 | or you just keep them all in a bank account? How does that work? |
| 8 | BY MR. CARSON: | 8 | A. A mix. |
| 9 | Q. Who approved how much money Gregg Roman | 9 | Q. Did you say a mix? |
| 10 | was paid for the Middle East Forum? | 10 | A. A mix. |
| 11 | A. I decided with the chairman of the | 11 | Q. So how much money does the Middle East |
| 12 | executive committee. | 12 | Forum have invested? |
| 13 | Q. When did you make that decision? | 13 | A. I don't know. |
| 14 | A. I do it annually. | 14 | Q. Well, when's the last time you checked? |
| 15 | Q. So you when did it happen last? | 15 | A. Month ago. |
| 16 | A. In late 2019 or early 2020. | 16 | Q. I'm sorry? |
| 17 | Q. And how much money did you approve this | 17 | A. Month ago. |
| 18 | year? | 18 | Q. You checked a month ago? |
| 19 | A. I don't remember. | 19 | A. Yeah. I looked at the account. |
| 20 | Q. For Gregg's salary? | 20 | Q. Okay. So a month ago, what did it say? |
| 21 | A. I don't remember. | 21 | A. I don't know. I do not memorize numbers. |
| 22 | Q. Okay. Why don't you remember? | 22 | Q. Well, ballpark it approximately. |
| 23 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 23 | A. I I can't. |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: We do a lot of the things, | 24 | Q. Why not? |
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| 1 | and I do not recall them months and years | 1 | A. I don't remember. It's easy enough to |
| 2 | later, the numbers. | 2 | look up. |
| 3 | BY MR. CARSON: | 3 | Q. Okay. So where would you go to look that |
| 4 | Q. Do you get paid through the Middle East | 4 | |
| 5 | Forum? | 5 | A. I would go to the company that has our |
| 6 | A. I do get paid. | 6 | money invested. |
| 7 | Q. How much do you get paid? | 7 | Q. What company is that? |
| 8 | A. I can't give you an exact number. | 8 | A. Raymond James. |
| 9 | Q. Well, give me a ballpark. | 9 | Q. Raymond James? |
| 10 | A. 240,000. | 10 | A. Yep, and PNC, and maybe others smaller |
| 11 | Q. \$240,000 a year? | 11 | amounts. |
| 12 | A. Yeah. | 12 | Q. How long have you been working with |
| 13 | Q. And how much money does the Middle East | 13 | Raymond James? |
| 14 | Forum take in donations every year? | 14 | A. Four years. |
| 15 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 15 | Q. And the portfolio that you keep with |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: I can't remember. | 16 | Raymond James, does that include stocks and bonds? |
| 17 | BY MR. CARSON: | 17 | A. I believe so. |
| 18 | Q. Well, give me a ballpark. | 18 | Q. How about you? What are you worth? |
| 19 | A. There's a 990 form that you can go and | 19 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 20 | look it up. | 20 | THE WITNESS: None of your business. |
| 21 | Q. What's a 990 form? | 21 | MR. CARSON: No, it actually is our |
| 22 | A. It's an IRS form for nonprofits. | 22 | business. It goes to punitive damages. |
| 23 | | | |
| د ک | Q. Does the Middle East Forum have an account where they keep the donations? | 23 24 | MR. CAVALIER: Personally? Daniel, you don't have to answer that question. |

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| 1 | MR. CARSON: No, he does have to answer | 1 | with everything at once, and we'll get all |
| 2 | it. | 2 | those questions answered before the end of the |
| 3 | MR. CAVALIER: He's not going to. | 3 | deposition, so I'll just keep a list here. I |
| 4 | MR. CARSON: Well, then we're gonna call | 4 | mean, I'd be happy to send you the case law. |
| 5 | Judge Wolson, okay? | 5 | MR. CAVALIER: Okay. |
| 6 | MR. CAVALIER: Hold up. | 6 | MR. CARSON: It's well settled. |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: That's no problem. We will. | 7 | MR. CAVALIER: I will look forward to it. |
| 8 | It goes directly to punitive damages. | 8 | MR. CARSON: I mean, we I'll send it to |
| 9 | MR. CAVALIER: Daniel Pipes' personal net | 9 | you on the next break. Maybe then we can |
| 10 | worth goes to punitive damages? | 10 | resolve it without getting the judge involved, |
| 11 | MR. CARSON: It absolutely does. How can | 11 | but if the judge gets involved, in the Third |
| 12 | a jury calculate punitive damages, and how do | 12 | Circuit, these questions are highly relevant. |
| 13 | they know what's punitive unless they know what | 13 | I just had the same argument the other day in |
| 14 | he's worth? It absolutely go the case law | 14 | one so but, again, I'll give you the |
| 15 | is pretty clear. | 15 | opportunity to give your client the right |
| 16 | MR. RIESER: Seth, you can't you have | 16 | advice. |
| 17 | no claim for punitive damages against | 17 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 18 | MR. CARSON: Yes, we do. He's a defendant | 18 | Q. How much money did the Middle East Forum |
| 19 | in the case, and we made a claim for punitive | 19 | receive in donations in 2019? |
| 20 | damages. | 20 | A. I don't know. |
| 21 | MR. CAVALIER: recognize that theory, | 21 | Q. Where is that listed? |
| 22 | Seth. | 22 | A. In the it will be listed in the 2019 |
| 23 | MR. RIESER: Seth, under the PHRA there is | 23 | 990, which is now being worked on. |
| 24 | no punitive damages, okay? Page 42 | 24 | Q. 2019 990? |
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| 1 | MR. CARSON: First of all, under the | 1 | A. Yep. |
| 2 | Philadelphia Fair Practice Ordinance, there are | 2 | Q. Do you notify members of the board about |
| 3 | punitive damages. | 3 | Middle East Forum's stock portfolio, investment |
| 4 | MR. CAVALIER: Not against | 4 | portfolio? |
| 5 | | 5 | A. What do you mean by "members of the |
| 6 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 6 | board"? |
| 7 | | 7 | Q. Well, the Middle East Forum has board |
| 8 | MR. CARSON: Yeah, there are, and under | 8 | members; is that correct? |
| 9 | the PHRA there's liquidated damages. | 9 | A. What do you mean by "board"? |
| 10 | MR. RIESER: Well, number one, there | 10 | Q. Board of directors. |
| 11 | isn't. | 11 | A. We don't have a board of directors. |
| 12 | MR. CARSON: Yeah, there is. | 12 | Q. What do you guys have in place of a board |
| 13 | | | C 1: 4 0 |
| 14 | MR. RIESER: It has nothing to do with his | 13 | of directors? |
| | MR. RIESER: It has nothing to do with his net worth. | 13 14 | A. I don't know. What do you mean? |
| 15 | net worth. MR. CARSON: No, it absolutely does. | | A. I don't know. What do you mean?Q. You tell me. What do you think I mean? |
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| 2 | Q. Who's on the Board of Governors? | 2 | |
| 3 | A. About 60, 70 people. | 3 | THE WITNESS: Could the court reporter |
| 4 | Q. Are there officers on the Board of | 4 | read me back what I said? |
| 5 | Governors? | 5 | |
| 6 | A. No. | 6 | (Whereupon the court reporter read back |
| 7 | Q. Does the Middle East Forum have corporate | 7 | the pertinent testimony.) |
| 8 | officers? | 8 | |
| 9 | A. Yes. | 9 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 10 | Q. Who are they? | 10 | |
| 11 | A. Steven Levy and Lawrence Hollin and | 11 | THE COURT REPORTER: Guys, we gotta do one |
| 12 | myself, Gregg, and one or two others. | 12 | at a time here. |
| 13 | Q. Who are the other people? | 13 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 14 | A. I don't remember. | 14 | Q. Are you the CEO, is the next |
| 15 | Q. What's Steve Levy's position? | 15 | MR. CAVALIER: Daniel, do you wanna finish |
| 16 | A. He's chairman. | 16 | your prior answer? |
| 17 | | 17 | THE WITNESS: I do. |
| 18 | Q. What's Lawrence Hollin's position? | 18 | MR. CAVALIER: Then go ahead and do it. |
| 19 | A. I don't remember. | 19 | THE WITNESS: The important title is |
| 20 | Q. What? | 20 | president, and I have another title as in |
| 21 | A. I don't remember. | 21 | • |
| 22 | Q. What's Daniel Pipes' position? Do you | 22 | the corporate structure but BY MR. CARSON: |
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| 2 | Q. Are you also the CEO? It's a simple | 2 | Q. Are there MEF bylaws? |
| 3 | MR. CAVALIER: That's not a question | 3 | A. Yes. |
| 4 | pending. He wants to finish his answer | 4 | Q. Is your other title listed in the MEF |
| 5 | MR. CARSON: It is the question MR. CAVALIER: finish his answer before | 5 | bylaws? |
| 6 | | 6 | A. I don't know. |
| 7 | we move on to the next question, Seth. No | 7 | Q. Do you wanna look at them? |
| 8 | matter how many times you try to talk over him, | 8 | A. If you want me to. |
| 9 | he's gonna finish his answers. | 9 | Q. Sure, we can look at the MEF bylaws. Do |
| 10 | MR. CARSON: That's good advice, Jon. BY MR. CARSON: | 10 | you see this document I put on the screen? |
| 11 | | 11 | A. Yep. |
| 12 | Q. Are you the CEO? | 12 | Q. Okay. Are these the MEF bylaws? |
| 13 | MR. CAVALIER: Daniel, do you wanna finish | 13 | A. I don't know. |
| | your prior answer? | 14 | Q. We'll take a minute and review it. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: I do. | | MR. CAVALIER: Seth, do you really want |
| 15 | BY MR. CARSON: | 15 | him to review the entire bylaws [inaudible] |
| 16 | Q. Go ahead, Mr. Pipes. What's so important | 16 17 | MR. CARSON: I mean, the question I'm |
| 17 | that you need to get it out? Go ahead. Finish. | | asking is, are these the bylaws? |
| 18 | A. The important title I have is as president | 18 19 | THE WITNESS: I can only |
| 19 | of the Middle East Forum. I have perhaps that and | 20 | (T. 1' 4' - ' 1 11 - 4 11) |
| 20 | perhaps some other title in the corporate structure. | 21 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 21 | I don't remember it. It's not important. | | DV MD CARCON |
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| 23 | A. It is not CEO. | | Q. You review it until you have enough |
| 24 | Q. Well, what is it? | 24 | information to answer the question. |
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| 2 | (Indistinguishable areas talls) | 2 | _ |
| 3 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 3 | judge? MR. CARSON: Yes. |
| 4 | BY MR. CARSON: | 4 | MR. CAVALIER: Because you don't want the |
| 5 | | 5 | witness to be able to read the document you're |
| 6 | Q. Have you ever seen this document before, | 6 | |
| 7 | Mr. Pipes? | 7 | presenting |
| 8 | A. I don't know. I have to see the whole of it before I | 8 | MR. CARSON: No. We're not gonna spend an |
| 9 | | 9 | hour where he reads a four-page document and tell me we're on the clock. |
| 10 | Q. Well, let me ask you a question: How did | 10 | |
| 11 | these documents get to your attorney? Did you turn them over? | 11 | MR. CANALIER: Not gonna take an hour. |
| 12 | | 12 | MR. CARSON: That's not gonna happen, all |
| 13 | A. I did not, no. | 13 | right, and we're also not gonna pretend like we don't know that these are the document is |
| | Q. Who turned them over? | | |
| 14 | A. I don't know. | 15 | labeled "MEF Bylaws," so we're not playing |
| 15 | Q. Well, do you know that documents were | | games today. So either you wanna talk to your |
| 16 | turned over to your attorneys in this case? | 16 | client, or I'm just gonna call the judge, and |
| 17 | A. No. | 17 | the judge will make a ruling. |
| 18 | Q. You don't know whether you turned | 18 | MR. CAVALIER: If you wanna call the judge |
| 19 | documents over to your attorneys in this case? | 19 | and tell him that you don't want the witness to |
| 20 | A. No. | 20 | be able to read the documents that you're |
| 21 | Q. Okay. | 21 | putting in front of him |
| 22 | A. We have a legal counsel who handles these | 22 | MR. CARSON: I that's no problem. |
| 23 | things. | 23 | MR. CAVALIER: Feel free. |
| 24 | Q. Who handled the turning over of documents | 24 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Counsels, are we agreed |
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| 1 | in this case? | 1 | to go off the record while |
| 2 | A. You interrupted me. Legal | 2 | MR. CARSON: No, let's stay on the record. |
| 3 | Q. Who turned over the document handing | 3 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sure thing, Seth. |
| 4 | over the documents in this case? I didn't hear you. | 4 | THE DEPUTY: Good morning. Judge Wolson's |
| 5 | A. I'd like to finish. My legal counsel | 5 | chambers. This is Jeannine. |
| 6 | handles matters such as documents to lawyers and to | 6 | MR. CARSON: Yeah. This is Seth Carson. |
| 7 | opposing counsel and so forth. I do not deal with | 7 | We're calling from a deposition in connection |
| 8 | this. I will note again that we have 25 people at | 8 | with the Middle East Forum verse I'm |
| 9 | the Forum, and we have specialized tasks, and I | 9 | sorry Lisa Barbounis verse the Middle East |
| 10 | don't do everything, and I don't know everything | 10 | Forum. We're just having an issue with the |
| 11 | that goes on. I make key decisions. I do not make | 11 | witness just being completely nonresponsive, |
| 12 | every single decision such as whether to hand over | 12 | refusing to even verify documents as simple as |
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judge is in the middle of a telephone conference. Can you hold on for just a moment? MR. CARSON: Sure.

MR. CARSON: Your client can take as much time as he wants to read documents today, but we're just not gonna do it and count against the clock. Not gonna spend two hours looking at doc -- because there's gonna be a lot of documents that are coming up, and we're not gonna do that every time. It's ridiculous, and I'm -- frankly, I'm sort of surprised that you would even suggest it.

THE DEPUTY: Mr. Carson?

MR. CARSON: Yup.

THE DEPUTY: Thanks.

THE DEPUTY: Okay. As I said, the judge is in the middle of a Rule 16. I don't know if you wanna try calling back, I wanna say, maybe like 11:45?

MR. CARSON: Yeah. I can keep asking -- yeah. I can keep asking other questions, and then we can call the judge back. It's just like, you know, the first document that I put in front of the witness, you know, he said he

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needs to take his time and read the entire document before he answers any questions on it. There's gonna be a lot of documents in the case, so I suggested that [inaudible] hours while he confirms documents, that's fine. He can take all the time he wants to do that, but they're trying to say that it has to count against the clock, and that's -- you know what I mean? It's just -- that's just patently unfair, and it's clearly a strategy designed to reduce the amount of questions that I'm permitted to ask today.

MR. CAVALIER: For defense counsel, I'll just note that I disagree with everything Mr. Carson just said.

MR. CARSON: Yeah, of course you do.

THE DEPUTY: Okay. I would suggest that you both, you know, dial in around 11:45, and I could see if the judge can speak to you all at one time.

MR. CARSON: Thank you. We'll call back. I'll just keep going for now. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY: No problem. Thank you. MR. CARSON: We can go off the record if

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he wants to read this document, or we can keep going and we can --

MR. CAVALIER: It's your deposition. To the extent you want him to review documents or to ask -- if you wanna ask him questions about documents --

MR. CARSON: I'm gonna ask him questions about this document, but first -- my first question, is this the Middle East Forum bylaws? Your client says "I don't know," which is -- it's ridiculous.

MR. CAVALIER: He needs to read the document to identify it.

MR. CARSON: Right.

MR. CAVALIER: I don't know why that's such a controversial statement to you.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. All right. Let's just time it just for fun. You go ahead, Mr. Pipes. Wanna read the document before you confirm it? Is this the Middle East Forum bylaws, is the question. Let us know when you're ready to answer.
 - A. I'm finished with this.
 - O. So is it the MEF -- is it Middle East

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Forum's bylaws?

A. I'm finished with the first page.

MR. CAVALIER: Read the whole document. THE WITNESS: No, no, no. First page, the first section that you showed me. No, go back up. Come on.

MR. CAVALIER: Still not all the way -- BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Tell me where to go.
- A. To the bottom -- look at the first page --
- Q. You just said you read the first page.
- A. First page in the sense of first screen.
- Q. This was the first screen, so I went down to the second screen.
 - A. No, no, no. Up. Okay.
- Q. Can you read Section I for the record out loud, please? I'll highlight it for you. Can you read the section out loud for the record?
 - A. Middle East Forum shall have two Boards of Governors, one based in Philadelphia, and the other, New York. Each shall consist of no less than 15 persons and no more than 45 persons or such other members -- or such other number of the members of each board shall, from time to time, determine.

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| 1 | Q. So is that the Board of Governors that you | 1 | A. Yes. |
| 2 | were just testifying to? | 2 | Q. The website has a page that's listed, |
| 3 | MR. CAVALIER: So, just so we're clear for | 3 | "Middle East Forum Board of Governors". Are you |
| 4 | the record, are you withdrawing the question | 4 | aware of that? |
| 5 | that the witness was answering and moving on to | 5 | A. Yes. |
| 6 | other | 6 | |
| 7 | BY MR. CARSON: | 7 | Q. And Gregg Roman's name is listed on that |
| | | | page. Do you know that? |
| 8 | Q. I'm asking you if this is the board of | 8 | A. No. I think that's wrong. |
| 9 | directors the Board of Governors that we just | 9 | Q. Have you ever seen this web page before? |
| 10 | talked about. | 10 | A. Let me see the whole of it. |
| 11 | A. Well, we haven't verified that this is our | 11 | Q. Do you see here where it says "Middle East |
| 12 | bylaws, so if you're just asking me, in general, is | 12 | Forum Board of Governors"? |
| 13 | there a Board of Governors, yes, there is. | 13 | A. Yep. |
| 14 | Q. Does this document state that the Middle | 14 | Q. Do you see here where it says Gregg |
| 15 | East Forum shall have two Boards of Governors? | 15 | Roman's name underneath that? |
| 16 | A. I don't know what this document is. I | 16 | A. Yup. |
| 17 | Q. Well, does this document say that? The | 17 | Q. So does that better help your memory of |
| 18 | Middle East Forum will have two Boards of Governors. | 18 | whether Gregg Roman's a member of the Board of |
| 19 | Is that what it says? | 19 | Governors? |
| 20 | A. This document says that. Whatever this | 20 | A. Well, I haven't verified this page, but if |
| 21 | document | 21 | we just look at this page, it's quite clear that the |
| 22 | Q. Why does the Middle East Forum have two | 22 | top five names are officers, and the next 12 or so |
| 23 | Boards of Governors? What does that mean? | 23 | names are executive committee, and then comes the |
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| 2 | called a Bates stamp. I'll represent to you that | 2 | documents, right? |
| 3 | your attorneys put this number on this page and | 3 | MR. CAVALIER: Sure. |
| 4 | turned it over to us in connection with our requests | 4 | MR. CARSON: So you do know that you |
| 5 | in this case. Did you know that? | 5 | represented that this is the Middle East Forum |
| 6 | A. No. | 6 | bylaws, correct? |
| 7 | Q. Your attorneys never talked to you about | 7 | MR. CAVALIER: Listen. I'm not the |
| 8 | discovery? | 8 | discovery speaks for itself |
| 9 | MR. CAVALIER: Objection. Daniel, you | 9 | J 1 |
| 10 | don't have to | 10 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 11 | | 11 | |
| 12 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 12 | MR. CARSON: I get it, I get it. It's |
| 13 | | 13 | fine. |
| 14 | MR. CARSON: You can just say | 14 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 15 | "privileged," Jon. It's fine. | 15 | Q. So you are aware that this document does |
| 16 | MR. CAVALIER: Yeah. | 16 | have a section called "Officers," correct, |
| 17 | MR. CARSON: Objection, privilege. | 17 | Mr. Pipes? |
| 18 | BY MR. CARSON: | 18 | A. I see in front of me it says "Officers," |
| 19 | Q. Okay. So did you ever work on producing | 19 | yes. |
| 20 | discovery in this case in any way? | 20 | Q. And these chairman, vice chairman, |
| 21 | A. No. | 21 | president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, are |
| 22 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 22 | those the offices that the Middle East Forum |
| 23 | BY MR. CARSON: | 23 | maintains for its officers? |
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THE WITNESS: Read me back what I started to say.

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- Q. You said, I will not now or today respond to hypotheticals. Is there something else you wanted to say in response to that?
- A. In each case, it's a matter of when, where, who, and other specifics, and, therefore, answering hypotheticals is a mistake, and I'm not gonna engage in it.
- Q. Well, at 11:45 we're gonna talk to the judge, and if he instructs you to answer hypotheticals, will you answer them?

MR. CAVALIER: Objection.

THE WITNESS: If you give me specifics about who, when, where, and every detail, then I can perhaps make a judgment, but I can't make a judgment [inaudible].

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Another nonresponsive answer, okay. So if you would've known that there was an allegation -- whether it was true or not, if you just would've heard that there's an allegation that the director of the Middle East Forum took his penis out in front

of a Washington Examiner reporter, is that something that you think you should've investigated?

A. It depends on the specifics -- when, where, who, what the relations were, what the background is, and so forth. I'm not gonna make a determination on the abstract.

Q. Under what context would it be appropriate for the director of the Middle East Forum to take his penis out in front of a Washington Examiner reporter?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. We're getting close to starting to hear instructions from me not to answer, Seth.

MR. CARSON: Yeah. Based on what, privilege?

MR. CAVALIER: No. Based on the fact that these questions are ludicrous.

MR. CARSON: They're not ludicrous. BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Mr. Pipes, tell me -- so I'll give you a context. If Gregg Roman was telling a Washington Examiner reporter that he would give her stories, is that something that would be within the purview of the director of the Middle East Forum?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: If Gregg Roman said he would give stories to a reporter, is that within the purview? Yes.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Because one of the jobs of the director of the Middle East Forum is to work with the press; is that correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. If Gregg Roman said he's gonna trade those stories for sex, is that something that's within the purview of the director of the Middle East Forum?
 - A. No.
- Q. So if you found out that he was making propositions to reporters to trade stories for sex, is that something you think you should've investigated?
 - A. Depends on the exact circumstances.
- Q. I'm gonna play a recording that was turned over to your attorneys in the course and scope of discovery.

(Whereupon an audio recording was played from 11:20 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.)

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BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Have you ever heard that recording before, Mr. Pipes?
 - A. No.
- Q. Is that a recording that you would've been interested in hearing?

MR. CAVALIER: Objection. Form, foundation.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Is that something you wished you would've known that someone alleged?

MR. CAVALIER: Same objections. THE WITNESS: I don't know if this is legal recording. I don't know if this is legitimate recording. I don't know if this person speaking was paid to act this out. I know nothing about it.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Forgetting about the truth of anything said, wouldn't that be something you'd wanna be aware of?

MR. CAVALIER: Objection. Form, foundation, incomplete hypothetical. You can

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So is there anyone else who's in a

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Page 77 Page 79 position, other than you, to make sure that the answer if you can. 2 female employees who work for the Middle East Forum THE WITNESS: I'm the president of the aren't subjected to illegal conduct? 3 Middle East Forum. 4 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. 4 BY MR. CARSON: 5 Q. Right. 5 THE WITNESS: I have yet [inaudible]. 6 6 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, Mr. Pipes. A. Interrupt me. 7 7 Q. You're the president of Middle East Forum. I cannot hear you. 8 THE WITNESS: I have yet to be shown Continue. 9 9 A. I am not the den mother of the Middle East illegal conduct, and that illegal conduct is 10 Forum. The employees at the Forum engage in all specific in time and place. 11 sorts of activities that I know nothing about that I BY MR. CARSON: 11 probably wouldn't approve of. If this is accurate, 12 Q. Well --12 13 I wouldn't approve of it. If I learned that Lisa A. What illegal conduct have you shown me? Barbounis goes and picks up men at a dinner, takes 14 Q. Is sexual harassment illegal conduct? 14 15 them back to her hotel room, and has sex with them A. I don't know that what was described in 16 that tape recording of unknown providence with that night, probably wouldn't approve of that 17 unknown people is illegal activity. If it is, I either. These are not my concerns. I do not deal with the personal lives of my staff. I don't know 18 would be concerned, but I didn't know about it, and 19 I, at this point, have my doubts about its them in that way. I'm not concerned with their 19 activities. If they do something that I don't like 20 authenticity. 20 and I know about it, I'll tell them, but I am not 21 Q. Why do you have your doubts about its 21 22 authenticity? 22 den mother of the Middle East Forum. 23 A. I told you before. I don't know if this 23 Q. But don't you have a legal duty to the 24 was paid for, if this was an actress. I don't know employees who've worked with Gregg Roman? Page 78 Page 80 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. if it was done legally in a place where one or both of the speakers have to get an agreement. I don't BY MR. CARSON: know any of these things. Q. Don't you owe -- strike that. Don't you have a responsibility, an ethical responsibility, to Q. What would it take to find out, though? the employees who work with Gregg Roman? 5 You just pick up the phone and call Alana Goodman, 6 6 MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. correct? 7 7 THE WITNESS: [Inaudible]. A. I don't know if this was Alana Goodman. BY MR. CARSON: Q. Well, you heard her say that she referred 8 Q. I'm sorry? 9 to herself as Alana in the recording. Like she said, Alana, tell him what you should have -- tell 10 A. To do what? 11 Q. To protect them. him why you should have the story. You heard her MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. Form. say that, right? So we heard her first name. 13 THE WITNESS: [Inaudible]. 13 A. What are you asking me? BY MR. CARSON: 14 Q. I'm asking you that to authenticate its --14 15 the veracity of the recording. It's just a simple 15 Q. I'm sorry? phone call from you to Alana Goodman, right? A. Protect whom from who? 16 16 17 Q. I'll try to make my point. Is there MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. 17 anyone else who could fire Gregg Roman other than 18 18 You can answer. 19 19 you? BY MR. CARSON: 20 20 Q. It's all right. You can --A. No. A. I don't know if that's the case or not. I Q. Is there anyone else who could discipline Gregg Roman other than you? 22 don't know if she would talk to me. I don't know if 23 A. No. 23 she would authenticate it. I don't know.

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Q. And the reason you don't know is because

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| 1 | you never tried? | 1 | you concocted, yes. |
| 2 | MR. CAVALIER: Object, foundation. He | 2 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 3 | never heard the recording before today. | 3 | Q. What do you mean by "concocted"? |
| 4 | BY MR. CARSON: | 4 | A. Imagined, made up. |
| 5 | Q. You never tried calling Alana Goodman; is | 5 | Q. You think I used magic to make the |
| 6 | that correct? | 6 | complaint? |
| 7 | A. [Inaudible]. | 7 | A. No. You used your imagination. |
| 8 | THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you, Mr. | 8 | Q. Excuse me? We can't hear you. |
| 9 | Pipes. | 9 | A. You used your imagination. |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: I have not called Alana | 10 | |
| 11 | | 11 | Q. You think that I used my imagination to |
| | Goodman. | | draft a complaint? That's your testimony? |
| 12 | BY MR. CARSON: | 12 | A. I do. |
| 13 | Q. Also, you're being recorded. This is a | 13 | Q. Why? |
| 14 | video dep, and I don't know if it's the green screen | 14 | A. You put things in that are clearly false. |
| 15 | effect you have going on, but it's we're not | 15 | Q. Like what? |
| 16 | getting a we're not getting a good video because | 16 | A. Like saying that I was the one who asked |
| 17 | of it, so we gotta [inaudible]. If you wanna use | 17 | Gregg to come back. It was my initiative my |
| 18 | the green serven, I ammit you getta sit more so on | 18 | initiative to have Gregg come back in March 2019, |
| 19 | the chair. Have you ever read the charge of | 19 | omitting Lisa Barbounis' initiation on that. She |
| 20 | discrimination that Lisa Barbounis filed in this | 20 | simply disappeared. |
| 21 | case? | 21 | Q. Mr. Pipes, did |
| 22 | A. Yes. | 22 | MR. CAVALIER: He's not done his answer. |
| 23 | Q. Have you ever read the complaint Lisa | 23 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 24 | Barbounis filed in this case? | 24 | Q. Were you done? You can keep going if you |
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| 1 | A. Yes. | 1 | want. |
| 2 | Q. So you do know about the allegations that | 2 | A. I'm done. |
| 3 | Alana Goodman made, correct? | 3 | Q. Yeah, I thought you were done. |
| 4 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. | 4 | MR. CARSON: Please don't interrupt us |
| 5 | MR. CARSON: Well, they are listed | 5 | again, Jon, all right? You can put objections |
| 6 | MR. CAVALIER: That's a | 6 | on the record. That's what you're allowed to |
| 7 | mischaracterization of the documents you just | 7 | do in |
| 8 | asked him about. | 8 | MR. CAVALIER: You keep interrupting the |
| 9 | MR. CARSON: Well, the allegations are in | 9 | witness. I'm gonna keep letting him finish his |
| 10 | those documents, correct? | 10 | |
| 11 | MR. CAVALIER: Well, they're allegations | 11 | answer. |
| 12 | by Lisa Barbounis | 12 | MR. CARSON: He just corrected you, Jon. |
| 13 | | 13 | He just said he wasn't interrupted. |
| 14 | MR. CARSON: Jon, why are you answering | 14 | MR. CAVALIER: One time out of 60. |
| | for him? | | MR. CARSON: Well, you know, if you're |
| 15 | MR. CAVALIER: I'm making an objection | 15 | gonna interrupt, you gotta get it right all the |
| 16 | | 16 | time. |
| 17 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 17 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 18 | AD GURGON AND COMMENT | 18 | Q. All right. So, Mr. Pipes, was Lisa in a |
| 19 | MR. CARSON: You're answering the | 19 | position to make a decision to have Gregg Roman |
| 20 | question. | 20 | return to the Middle East Forum? |
| 21 | THE COURT DEPORTED C 4 1 | 21 | A. I said "initiate". You had in that |
| | THE COURT REPORTER: Guys, we gotta do one | | |
| 22 | at a time. | 22 | complaint that I initiated that I, on my own, |
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to these lawsuits -- that I inflicted Gregg on Lisa and the others when, in fact, it was her idea. She

came to me. I held a meeting with all the staff,

with the administrative staff, and Lisa took the

be lead and said we want Gregg back. I said good.

Good idea. And everyone but Marnie was enthusiastic

about it. Marnie didn't like it -- fair enough --

8 but it was Lisa who did it, and your concocted

9 complaint simply makes her disappear from that. It

has to be my decision. When I saw that, I realized

that this is a bogus case. I realized this is a

case where you brought together five women to bring

a lawsuit against the Middle East Forum for almost

behind it. Fine, okay. That's your work, but it's

¹⁶ a concoction. It's a fantasy. It's --

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Q. Do you have any other reasons why you think it's a concoction besides that?

A. Oh, there are plenty more.

Q. Well, go ahead. Tell us all the reasons why you think this case is a concoction.

A. Because that was the first one that signaled to me that this is a falsehood.

Q. Well, what's the second one?

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A. That's -- I'll stick with that.

Q. Well, Mr. Pipes, this is your deposition, so if you think that the complaint presents facts that you don't agree with, I'd like you to say all the reasons why you think that the complaint is concocted.

MR. CAVALIER: Hold on a second. Hold on, Daniel. Hold on. I'm gonna object to the form, and I'm gonna object to foundation. Unless you revise the question, I'm gonna instruct him not to answer. You're asking him to identify all the issues in a 500-paragraph complaint?

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. I'm asking you to tell me all the reasons why you think the complaint is concocted. So far, you've given me one. You said because the complaint states that it was your decision to bring Ms. Bar -- to bring Gregg Roman back.

A. Not that I -- my decision it was, yes, but that I originally -- you whitewashed her out of the story is the reason. All my doing when, in fact, it was her initiative. That's all my -- all my

problems [inaudible] --

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THE COURT REPORTER: Sir, I cannot hear you.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Can't hear what you're saying.

A. If you want all my objections, we have to pull out this document and go through it paragraph by paragraph, which is something I don't think you want to do. So let me say that this was the initial trigger that told me that this is a false document, and it talked about something about me, not about Gregg or anyone else. It was about me, and it was false, false to the core, on a critical, critical [inaudible]. Therefore, I see this as a bogus undertaking that you've initiated.

Q. Are you finished?

A. I'm finished.

Q. Okay. Please, if you can remember, and -- listen. We can look at the complaint sometime today. But, right now, as you stand here today, I'm asking if you can think of any other reasons why you think this is a concocted complaint besides the one you already testified to.

A. I can.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Dan, you

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can answer if you can.

THE WITNESS: I can, yes.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. You can?

A. I can.

Q. Okay. So, please, what's -- give us another reason.

A. I believe that one suffices because that's what told me that this is a bogus undertaking, that --

Q. I'm gonna give you the opportunity -- I'm sorry. Are you finished?

A. I'm finished.

Q. I'm gonna give you the opportunity because if you think this is a concocted complaint, I want you to be able to tell -- say on the record why. So I'll give you the opportunity. Can you think of any other reasons right now, other than the reason that you provided us, why this is a concocted complaint?

A. Yes.

O. So what is it?

A. I would rather stick with just this one, and if we wanna go through the document, we can go through it, and I'll give you all my complaints.

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Page 89 Page 91 There are many, but I do not remember them all. 1 which we did, and I had the conclusion that 2 2 Q. You can't remember any other ones right with everyone's assent, happiness -- with 3 3 now, right? exception of Marnie Meyer -- he resumed some of 4 his duties that were ended in November, five A. I remember this one specifically as the 5 most important, as the one that most directly months earlier. 6 involved me. THE COURT REPORTER: Seth, are you 7 7 O. So let's talk about that one since it's talking? I'm going off the stenographic 8 the only one that you're able to testify about right record. I can't hear you at all. 9 now. Did Lisa Barbounis have the authority to bring Gregg Roman back to the Middle East Forum after he 10 (Discussion was held off the record.) 11 was ejected in November of 2018? 11 MR. CAVALIER: I'm gonna object to the 12 12 BY MR. CARSON: 13 13 form. Q. The question that I asked that I don't BY MR. CARSON: 14 think anyone heard is, isn't it true that the 14 decision for some of those restrictions to be Q. I can set it up. Was Gregg Roman ejected 15 from the Middle East Forum in November of 2018? And lifted, that was ultimately your decision, right? by "ejected," I mean physically not allowed to show 17 A. Yes. 17 up at the office anymore. 18 18 Q. And so the problem you have with the MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. complaint is that you don't think it adequately 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. explained that you made that decision at the 20 suggestion of Lisa Barbounis; is that correct? 21 BY MR. CARSON: 21 Q. So after -- were there other conditions of 22 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. You can 22 Gregg Roman's continued employment with the Middle 23 23 East Forum in November 2018 other than not being 24 THE WITNESS: I didn't -- I didn't use the Page 90 Page 92 1 able to visit the office anymore? word -- I wouldn't use the word "adequate". It 2 2 hid, it disguised, it made disappear the A. Yes. 3 3 critical fact that Lisa Barbounis, with the Q. At some point in time, you lifted those restrictions, correct? 4 enthusiastic support of Tricia McNulty, wanted 5 A. Some of them. 5 Gregg back in the office. The narrative is 6 Q. And it's your testimony that you lifted 6 entirely different if they came to me in those restrictions at the suggestion of Lisa 7 November and I excluded him, and then I Barbounis, correct? 8 unilaterally brought him back in -- partially MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 9 brought him back in March, to their dismay, as 9 10 your complaint suggests. That's one version, 10 BY MR. CARSON: and the other is that they, particularly Lisa 11 11 Q. Is that your testimony? 12 Barbounis, initiated this, and Tricia McNulty A. Yes. enthusiastically agreed to it. It's a very 13 Q. Use whatever word you want -- suggested, 13 14 different story. You distorted the history of 14 initiated. 15 what happened, and when I saw that, I realized 15 A. She initiated it. She came to my office and said, I think we need Gregg back. 16 that this is a falsehood, that this is a tissue 16 17 17 Q. Okay. So -of lies. 18 A. [Inaudible]. 18 BY MR. CARSON: Q. Based on that, you decided that none of 19 THE COURT REPORTER: Sir, I can't hear 20 20 these women were ever subjected to any inappropriate 21 conduct? 21 THE WITNESS: I said, oh, that's a surprise. Let's pursue this. Let's have a 22 A. I didn't -- I didn't reach that 22 23 meeting of all the administrative staff conclusion. I reached the conclusion that this is

tomorrow and pursue this and discuss this,

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an untrustworthy document and that their testimony

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and your writing it up were dishonest.

Q. When Mr. Roman was brought back to the Middle East Forum, did any of the women still require or ask that certain conditions be -- remain in place to -- for the -- period -- that certain conditions remain in place?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I don't remember that any did. I do remember that I did keep certain conditions in place. The basic problem, as I understood it, is that Gregg had become too close to his staff. I have been the head of an organization now for 34 years, and I have always kept my distance. It did not seem to me a good idea to become friends and to have close relations with my staff, so I have kept away. He did not do that. He became friends with them, and that led to all sorts of complications, and all that I did in November of 2018 was say, no more friendship -- not that [inaudible] -- but end this. No more fraternizing. You are not to do this. And he didn't do it. And, indeed, the point of the March meeting was that everyone said they had

no complaints about him since November, no complaints. Let me make that point. Before November 1st, 2018, I never heard any complaints about him, and we had five, six days of intense discussion, and I said he's on probation, and if I hear any complaints and if I -- I will look at them very closely, and if I find that he has done -- he has trespassed, he's out. I heard nothing, and after March --BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Can you just say the time that you're talking about? You heard nothing from when till 13 when? 14

A. I heard nothing before November 1st. I heard nothing after November, say, 5th or 6th. I heard nothing after March -- before March 9th, after March 9th. All the complaints came in the early part of November 2018. There were otherwise no complaints against him so -- also, it's worth noting that, in 2018, I was hearing complaints, in particular from Lisa Barbounis, about the trip to Israel that happened, I think, in March or April of that year, seven or eight months earlier. I had not heard about it at the time. She did not come to me,

and, indeed, the only report I heard about that was from Marnie Meyer in a memo, handwritten memo, she wrote to me on the 1st of November, in which she said that she thought there was something weird that happened in Israel and that she asked Lisa, point-blank, "Did Gregg hit on you" -- quote, unquote -- and Lisa -- Marnie reports, quote, "Lisa said no," unquoted. So the very first report I had, I've ever heard, of anything going on denied that this was, in fact, a sexual encounter of some sort in Israel. Then I dealt with it. I dealt with it 12 quickly and thoroughly, and there were no more 13 complaints until you, Mr. Carson, turned up and came 14 up with five [inaudible] to demand \$31 million from the Middle East Forum. We were doing just --

- Q. Wait, wait. I don't -- can you hear that, because I can't hear him. I heard you say "until you, Mr. Carson," and then he broke up.
- A. You found five plaintiffs and demanded \$31 million -- 30,800,000-some dollars -- and we have these lawsuits. But it is clear to me that these are concocted accusations. Lisa is quoted in November 2018 saying to Marnie -- no -- she is --Marnie quotes her in November saying, back in March

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or April, Lisa said no, there was no problem. So I

am very skeptical about this entire thing. Let me go further and say that Marnie reported to me back in November 2018, Lisa said that -- Lisa said that Gregg had touched her with his foot on her backside. Marnie said that Gregg -- she couldn't remember, but Gregg -- her conversation with Gregg ended with her saying to Gregg, "Gregg, I'm not going to sleep with you". Tricia reported to me that Gregg was too close to her on a couch in a room full of people. So, yeah, Lisa's is a problem, except that I had it already from Marnie that she had denied that back when it happened. Marnie's was clearly not an issue. It was, "I said to him I wasn't gonna sleep with him". It's hardly a major topic. And Tricia said that he was too close to her on a crowded couch. Laterally, she said that he tried to touch her bottom. She didn't tell me that. She changed her story afterwards. So with all this evidence coming from the plaintiffs themselves, I'm very skeptical of this, and I -- and then you brought in two others, Delaney Yonchek and Caitriona Brady, both of whom had no complaints whatsoever through this entire process until you convinced them that,

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oh, Gregg sexually assaulted them. That's what you

put in the complaint, and then they denied it in

their depositions. So this is all manufactured.

Mr. Carson, you're good at your work. You can turn nothing into something. You can turn no problems into a giant problem that convulses the lives of both the plaintiffs and the defendants.

Congratulations on your excellent work.

- Q. Are you sure that Caitriona Brady and Delaney Yonchek claimed that they were sexually assaulted in their complaints?
 - A. It's in there. Yeah.

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- Q. I'll represent to you it's not in there. They never made those claims to me, and they never made those claims in their complaints or their charges.
 - A. We can check, but you have --
 - Q. When you said -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- A. We can check it. Maybe I have the wording
- Q. When you say \$31,000 -- I'm sorry -- when you say \$31 million, I think you might be referring 23 to something called a 26(f) report. Do you know what that is?

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A. I do not.

Q. So I don't want you to tell me anything your attorneys told you, but have you ever seen a document from the plaintiff where they -- where anyone -- where anyone asks for \$31 million?

A. I saw additions of nine, nine, nine, three-something -- millions, these all are -- and some other amount, and it came out to 30 million. eight-hundred-some thousand -- 33,000.

Q. There's a document that a plaintiff has to fill out and a defendant has to fill out in a case called a 26(f) report, which is a -- it's -- it's in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure under like self-reporting disclosures. Do you know anything about that?

A. I do not. I was given this figure from 17 legal source, and I'm just using it. I have the numbers that add up to 31, but I don't -- I don't know the details.

Q. So did you know that all the plaintiffs, all together, represented that they would be willing to resolve these matters for a number between a hundred thousand and a million? So they admitted that, all together, the cases aren't even worth a

million dollars at some point? Not admitted -- I'm sorry -- strike that. So they represented that they'd be willing to settle for a number under a million dollars for all of them; did you know that?

A. Later, they did come down, yes, but the initial figure was enormous, and given the two facts that this would break all of us financially and was based on a tissue of lies, I decided to [inaudible].

THE COURT REPORTER: You decided what? THE WITNESS: To fight it, and that's what we are doing.

12 BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Well, do you know that when the offer to resolve these cases, all of them, for somewhere south of a million dollars, that was before any of the complaints were filed in the court?
 - A. I do not.
- Q. You didn't know that, okay. So at some point in time you reached out to Lisa Barbounis and asked her to meet you at 30th Street Station; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And when you were there, you told Lisa Barbounis that you two have the same problem. Do

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you remember that?

- A. What are you referring to?
- Q. You said to Lisa that you and Lisa have the same problem. Do you remember that? MR. CAVALIER: Form.

THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. I was just wondering if, by that "problem," you were referring to me since you just testified that I'm the reason why these cases are -were brought.
- A. Yeah. Now that you explain, yes, I do believe you are a mutual problem. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. That's a new one.
 - A. You have [inaudible] --

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

THE WITNESS: You have made our lives difficult.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Okay.
 - A. She told me, said, "My life is a wreck.
- My future is in question". She didn't name you, but

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| 2 | the implication was very clear. That these | 2 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. You can answer. |
| 3 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 3 | THE WITNESS: I believe it was |
| 4 | (mdistinguishable cross-tark.) | 4 | November 1st. After receiving the memo from |
| 5 | BY MR. CARSON: | 5 | Marnie, I asked everyone to be in the office, |
| 6 | Q conversation with you about it, but | 6 | and I interviewed everyone one-on-one. |
| 7 | we're not permitted to do that. Can we take a | 7 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 8 | five-minute bathroom break, just a little I'm | 8 | Q. So do you remember when you received that |
| 9 | sorry. Finish. Go ahead. | 9 | memo from Marnie? |
| 10 | A. She said to me that her life is disrupted | 10 | A. November 1st, 2018. Morning. |
| 11 | and her future is in question because of these | 11 | Q. And how did you receive that memo? |
| 12 | lawsuits, and I ascribe these lawsuits to you. | 12 | A. Email. |
| 13 | Q. Okay. I think that isn't another way | 13 | Q. And by the memo, I think you're referring |
| 14 | to look at it is that it's because of the you | 14 | to like it was a few pages, a handwritten |
| 15 | know, the unlawful conduct that they were subjected | 15 | statement by Marnie Meyer? |
| 16 | to that caused them to bring the lawsuits? | 16 | A. That's right. |
| 17 | MR. CAVALIER: Is that a question? | 17 | Q. And, based on that email, you interviewed |
| 18 | MR. CARSON: Yeah. You don't have to | 18 | who? |
| 19 | answer that. Do you guys mind if we do like a | 19 | A. Everyone in the office. |
| 20 | five-minute bathroom break? | 20 | Q. So that that would include |
| 21 | MR. CAVALIER: I'd rather do ten. | 21 | interviewed you interviewed Marnie Meyer? |
| 22 | MR. CARSON: That's fine, Jon. | 22 | A. Yes. |
| 23 | MR. CAVALIER: All right, great. Thanks, | 23 | Q. And did you interview Patricia McNulty? |
| 24 | Seth. So 12:10, back on? | 24 | A. Yes. |
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| 1 | MR. CARSON: Okay. Thank you, guys. I | 1 | Q. And Lisa Barbounis? |
| 2 | just I have a little emergency I gotta go | 2 | A. Yes. |
| 3 | take care of. | 3 | Q. Did you interview Matthew Bennett? |
| 4 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now off the | 4 | Λ $V_{\Delta c}$ |
| 5 | record. | | A. Yes. |
| _ | | 5 | Q. And did you interview Caitriona Brady? |
| 6 | | 6 | Q. And did you interview Caitriona Brady?A. Yes. |
| 7 | (Whereupon there was a recess in the | 6 7 | Q. And did you interview Caitriona Brady?A. Yes.Q. Delaney Yonchek? |
| 7 8 | (Whereupon there was a recess in the proceeding from 11:58 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) | 6 7 8 | Q. And did you interview Caitriona Brady?A. Yes.Q. Delaney Yonchek?A. Yes. |
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Q. The interview with -- who did you interview first; do you remember?

A. No.

Q. Do you remember -- these interviews, did they take place over the phone, in person?

A. In person, one-on-one in their offices.

Q. You visited each of their offices?

A. I did.

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Q. And tell me, please, what Lisa Barbounis reported.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. You can answer.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. What did she say?

A. She gave me a exposition of her complaints about Gregg as a manager, as her supervisor.

Q. And what precisely did she say about Gregg as a supervisor?

A. Too demanding, too inquisitive, watching everybody, manipulative.

Q. I didn't hear the last one.

A. Manipulative.

Q. Anything else?

A. I can't remember exactly if it was she,

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but make-work that wasn't serious. Range of issues.

Q. Did she talk about any inappropriate conduct in terms of, you know, sexual harassment?

A. Yes.

Q. What did she say about that?

A. She told me about the trip to Israel, and she showed me her screenshots of her text to her husband, and I don't know who else, and she [inaudible].

THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't hear that ast part.

THE WITNESS: She told me what happened there.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. What did she say happened?

A. She said that they had a Airbnb together and that, late one evening, he had stretched out on the couch and said something to the effect of, now we are close, and now I can put my feet on your -- against your body.

Q. Did she say where on her body that he put -- where he put his feet?

A. On her back and on her -- on her bottom and back.

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Q. Did she describe any other sexually inappropriate conduct?

A. No.

MR. CAVALIER: I'm gonna object to form on the last question.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Did she say that Gregg Roman brushed against her in the office?

A. No.

Q. Did she say that Gregg Roman showed her inappropriate photos?

A. No.

Q. Did she say whether Gregg Roman forced her to sit inappropriately close to him, other than the couch incident?

A. She did complain that he wanted her by his side. I don't know if it was inappropriate, but she was being called into his office -- the witness is doing something to be there -- and she thought it was a waste of time. She didn't like it. She thought he was wasting her time.

Q. Regarding the other complaints regarding Gregg Roman being manipulative or -- did you ever hear complaints about Gregg Roman like that before?

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A. Before November 1st, I heard no complaints at all about Gregg from anyone.

Q. How about from Tiffany Lee?

A. [Inaudible].

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you, sir.

THE WITNESS: From anyone. She complained after she left. Active employees, I never heard from anyone.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Why do you make a distinction between reports of active employees verse current employees?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: After Tiffany Lee was terminated, she then went to Derek Smith Law Group and found a lawyer who would concoct -- Caroline Miller's the name, I believe -- who would concoct a claim against the Forum based on inaccurate use of text. We exposed them, and Tiffany Lee disappeared, but she had no complaints whatsoever while she was an active employee.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. I didn't hear the last part of that.

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Page 109 Page 111 A. She had no complaints about anybody, about so [inaudible]. Gregg, while she was an active employee. 2 Q. Why -- what was Lara's position? Q. Did you consider that -- did you consider 3 A. Lara was assistant to Gregg. Tiffany Lee's charge of discrimination in any way 4 O. An assistant to who? 4 A. Gregg. when you heard about these allegations from Patricia 5 McNulty and Lisa Barbounis and Marnie Meyer? 6 O. And what's Lara's last name? A. No. I thought about the Derek Smith Law 7 A. I don't remember. 8 Firm -- Law Group --O. What about Laura? Laura's last name is Q. Why is that? 9 9 Frank? 10 A. -- to those two cases and a third case 10 A. Could be, yeah. 11 Q. Laura Frank, what was her job? 11 also concocted complaints against us. I don't know what it is about Derek Smith Law Group, why you have 12 A. Director of development, I believe. it in for the Middle East Forum, but anybody who's 13 Q. Did Lara and Laura talk to each other 13 unhappy about anything or has any aspirations to 14 during work using any electronic messaging apps that 14 anything turns to the Derek Smith Law Group --15 you know of? Caroline Miller, Ken Lobitz [phonetic], Seth Carson, 16 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Erica Shikunov. Everybody wants to get at us with 17 THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't get the the Derek Smith Law Firm. You tell me why. 18 18 answer. O. If -- well, I didn't work here when 19 19 THE WITNESS: That's all they did is Tiffany Lee filed a charge, so I don't have any 20 message each other on Slack, which we have. 20 knowledge related to that, but I guess my question 21 Endless, endless discussions hating Gregg, is, other than Tiffany Lee and the plaintiffs in 22 hating me. Nasty, snarky, endless, endless, 23 this case, is there another allegation or charge endless. 23 that was filed against the Middle East Forum? 24 BY MR. CARSON: Page 110 Page 112

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A. Not filed, but I believe a letter was sent from Smith Law Group about Lara [phonetic] and Laura, who were also terminated because they were poor employees. When they started talking about the case against us, we showed them what we knew about them, and they dropped it. But that's four different instances of turning to lawyers who presently or had been at the Derek Smith Law Group.

Q. What were the -- what were the complaints 9 that Lara and Laura made? 10

A. You're interrupting me. I guess the Derek Smith Law Group doesn't like what we do.

Q. I don't think anyone here knows what you guys do, but what were the complaints that Lara and Laura made?

A. I don't remember. They were minor, and I 16 don't know if I ever saw them. They're not on my hard drive. I don't know what they were. 18

O. Was it related to sexual harassment?

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Q. Just the allegations. I'm not saying --I'm not giving any credence to them.

A. I don't know. Just remember they started making noises, and then they wanted money from us, Q. And you still have those messages, right?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. Well, you just said "which we have".

A. Which we -- which I read at the time. Presumably, it's somewhere.

MR. CARSON: I'm gonna ask that you guys turn those messages over in response to our discovery requests.

MR. CAVALIER: If we have them in our possession, custody, or control and there's a responsive request, we will do so.

MR. CARSON: I mean, we definitely requested them in our request for production of documents. So there's Slack messages which -just testifying to having.

THE WITNESS: No. I testified that I read them at the time.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. A minute ago, you said "which we have," so --

A. I'm correcting it and saying I read it at the time, which is middle of 2017 --

O. Right.

A. -- years ago. I don't know if I have them

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Q. Okay.

Q. Did anyone else besides Matt Bennett --

A. Don't interrupt me. And he --

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Page 113 now. [Inaudible] --A. -- heard from me on this, both in person. 2 MR. CAVALIER: If we have responsive At the time, I remember, he was sitting in my office, and he said, "Matt, get over here," and I 3 documents that are responsive and not said, "You can't treat him like that." Other times, privileged to the request you issued we will 4 5 produce them. there are two written documents -- I mean, there are 6 MR. CARSON: We'll deal with that. other times I said it in person, but the two 7 BY MR. CARSON: documents, we have emails from me to Gregg lacerating him, being too tough, too bossy. I 8 Q. So what did these messages say about Gregg called him a drill sergeant. You don't behave like 9 Roman? 10 A. Just they were nasty. this. You get the best out of people by working Q. They were nasty? with them and not bossing them [inaudible]. I was 11 the one who complained. Matt never said a word A. Nastv. 12 Q. Why were they nasty? 13 [inaudible] --13 A. Have to ask them. 14 THE COURT REPORTER: It's really hard to 14 Q. Why did you think they were nasty? 15 hear you, Mr. Pipes. Please speak up. 15 A. I have no idea. I didn't know them. I 16 THE WITNESS: -- anyone else. I, on my 16 found their vituperation against him and myself and 17 17 own, complained that he was too bossy. I 18 maybe others to be surprising, but there it was. 18 complained to him. He heard it through me. Q. How many people other than the -- other 19 19 BY MR. CARSON: than Tiffany Lee and Lara and Laura and Delaney and 20 Q. So Matt didn't complain; Gregg -- you 20 Caitriona and Marnie and Patricia McNulty and Lisa 21 complained? 21 Barbounis have complained about Gregg Roman? 22 22 A. I complained, and I complained number of A. Nobody. 23 times, and I kept on complaining. He's a brilliant 23 Q. No one else? administrator. He knows the subject, but he was too 24 Page 114 tough, too bossy. I didn't like it, didn't think A. Not to me. Not to my knowledge. 1 it's the way one should treat one's colleagues. So 2 Q. No one else complained that Gregg Roman disparages other employees? that was my complaint. My complaint. Nobody came A. I am president. I am not omniscient to me. I, on my own, from what I witnessed, 5 voyeur of what everyone is doing and saying. particularly vis-à-vis Matt, was displeased with his O. Well -bossiness. So I understood when they said he's too 6 7 A. -- not to me. bossy. I said, yeah, I understand. I saw -- I didn't see it with the others, but I saw it with Q. I'm not suggesting that omniscience is 9 9 required. I'm asking if you ever heard any other Matt. employee of the Middle East Forum make complaints 10 Q. You ever seen Gregg take his penis out in about the way Gregg Roman behaved in his -- in his front of a female employee? 11 11 role as director of the Middle East Forum. 12 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 13 A. Yes. And two years ago Matt complained as 13 BY MR. CARSON: well, Matt Bennett. 14 Q. Yes or no? 14 15 A. No. 15 Q. Matt Bennett made complaints, too? 16 A. Yeah. Q. You ever seen Gregg rub his body against a 16 17 female employee? 17 Q. What were Matt Bennett's complaints? A. Again, Gregg was too tough. He was 18 18 A. No. I never saw any kind of harassment of bossing them around. And I might add that the only 19 19 any sort. bossiness I saw on Gregg's part was vis-à-vis Matt, 20 Q. Did Gregg ever -- strike that. Did you 20 ever -- did you know that one of the complaints that not the plaintiffs. 21

the women were making is that they weren't allowed

to come to you directly, that Gregg had a policy

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THE WITNESS: I don't have the personal

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Lisa Barbounis v. Middle Eastern Forum, et. al. Deposition of DANIEL PIPES Page 117 Page 119 report things to you? Did you know that? have any problems. A. I know it's in the complaint, to which my BY MR. CARSON: response is, I told every new employee two things: 3 Q. Are you listed in that -- in that employee The number one rule is no surprises. If something's 4 manual for -- as part of the reporting process? 5 going wrong, come to me early, not when it's a A. As the president, not by name, yes. There was also a process by which employees unhappy about full-bloomed crisis. Number two, my door is open, both literally and figuratively. Come to me if you something would turn to the director of human resources, being Marnie Meyer, and I believe, in have any problems. So it is very hard for me to believe that they were concerned about coming to me some cases, people did do that, but I don't know details, but they did do that. with their problems since I had specifically invited 11 them to come to me with their problems. Q. Other than Matt Bennett, Lisa Barbounis, 11 O. But they told you that, too, right, that 12 Caitriona Brady, Delaney Yonchek, Laura Frank, 12 they -- that Gregg maintained this policy which Lara -- we'll say Lara, last name unknown, since I 13 don't know it off the top of my head -- Patricia blocked them from coming to you or which was -- they 14 14 believed blocked them from coming to you? McNulty, did anyone else -- did any other employees A. They did tell me that, yes. 16 complain to you about the way Gregg Roman behaved? 16 Q. Does the Middle East Forum maintain a 17 A. No. I -- in November 2018, there was this policy to prevent discrimination and harassment in 18 18 crisis in the office, and I then approached the the workplace? out-of-office staff and asked them if they had 19 A. Yes, and we've held workshops for problems with Gregg. I think I approached all the 20 project directors at the time, and all said things refreshers on those subjects. 21 21 Q. When's the last time you've held one of 22 were fine. One said few things I don't like, but 22 nothing particularly deep. So they gave him a clean these workshops? 23 bill of health, so he was an office issue, not a A. I think it was in 2018. 24 Page 118 Page 120 O. In 2018? 1 Forum-wide issue. Outside the office did not 2 2 A. Yes. have --3 Q. Was that in response to the reports that 3 Q. They all gave him a clean bill of health? are the subject matter of this case? 4 A. Yeah. Well, except for one who had a few 5 A. No. It was ahead of it, sometime in the 5 issues, yes. 6 6 early part of the year. Q. What was the one's complaints? 7 Q. The policy that Middle East Forum 7 A. Something on the lines of piling on too maintains to prevent discrimination and harassment much -- two different projects. Before one ended, 9 in the workplace, is that a written policy? 9 the next one started. A. Yes. It's in the personnel manual. 10 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. 10 Q. It's in the personnel manual? 11 A. Something on the lines of, before one 11 project was finished, the next one was started. A. Yes. 13 Q. Where does it say that employees should 13 Q. Other than that one complaint, was there complain about discrimination and harassment or 14 any other complaints? 14 report discrimination and harassment? 15 A. No. 15 A. [Inaudible]. 16 Q. The project directors -- strike that. 16 THE COURT REPORTER: I cannot hear you, 17 17 Just a moment, please. I'm just finding a document.

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Just a minute, please, while I pull this up. Sorry. Just an indulgence for a second. Okay. All right.

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It was the Middle

wait. I gotta keep a list of exhibits. So Exhibit

No. 1 was -- Exhibit 1 we'll call Pipes-1, I guess,

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| 2 | | 2 | Q project director said about Gregg? |
| 3 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 3 | A. Yep. |
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| | MR. CARSON: Yeah. And so Pipes-2 will be | 5 | health, correct? |
| 6 | MEF Docs, and we'll say 975, 976, 977, and 978. | 6 | A. Well, I mean, they all had something to |
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| 8 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: And then, Counsel, | 8 | willingness to work with you. Five out of the six |
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| 16 | MR. CARSON: Pipes-3 will be the | 16 17 | Q. Who was the one who didn't wanna work with |
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| | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. And Pipes-4 | 19 | A. I don't remember. |
| 19 | will be the recording concerning Gregg? | 20 | Q. Well, who are the project directors? What |
| 20 | MR. CARSON: Pipes-4 is the recording. | 21 | are their names? |
| 21 22 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. And then, | 22 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 23 | Counsel, just going forward, would you like me | 23 | THE WITNESS: Back then, I'm not sure. I |
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Q. So nowhere are your conversations with the -- you know, ten people that we listed earlier that you spoke to in the beginning of November 2018, nowhere are those conversations memorialized the way these conversations are, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. You can answer.

THE WITNESS: I took notes, but because everything was solved to apparently everyone's satisfaction, I did not -- I'm not sure if I still have those notes. It didn't seem important. We had --

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Q. What did you do --

A. We dealt with the issue, and maybe I have them somewhere; maybe I don't. I don't know.

- Q. I asked on the record that the notes from those meetings -- search your records, and if you have them, that you turn those over in response to our first set of -- first request for production of documents. Meetings. How did you keep those notes, you handwrote them during the meetings?
 - A. Handwrote them during the meetings, yeah.
 - Q. Again, please check your records and turn

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them over if you can find them. So one person said that he -- "I have often had to listen -- both on the phone and in person -- as Gregg expressed unpleasant views toward other members of staff. He often denounces or spoken ill of other project directors or office staff before pointedly asking me what I thought of them. I could only speak in their defense or offer a noncommittal response. This does not seem to have been ordinary office politics, but something more calculated and toxic. First XX, and then XX" -- what's the XX there and the XX? Why does it say XX?

- A. Names of individuals.
- Q. You didn't want Gregg to know who was making the statements; is that right?
 - A. No. The whole thing is anonymous.
- Q. Well, whose names were there before you X'd them out?
 - A. I have no idea.
 - Q. Well, how do we figure that out?
 - A. I don't know.
- Q. Well, do you have any notes anywhere that we could look to?
 - A. I don't know.

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- Q. Well, don't you think it's important to document it, like to keep a record of who's saying what? I understand why you might not have wanted Gregg to read it, but why wouldn't you keep records like that?
- A. Because go to the top, and you'll see that I gave them assurance of confidentiality.
 - Q. Sorry?
- A. This information was sent to me on assurances of confidentiality.
- Q. You thought -- you would -- what about with yourself? Wouldn't you want those records for yourself?
- A. I offered confidentiality. I maintain that confidentiality in this note, which went not only to Gregg, but also to select in-office staff. So it went to several people, and I thought it best not to provide specific names, and there is no name in here other than Gregg's.
- Q. So this person is saying something more calculated and toxic --
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. -- first blank -- sorry. Did you --
 - A. Well, this is the accusation that he was

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manipulative, yes. This is what I heard from in-office and heard it from outside of the office, too, yes.

- Q. Well, he names two people that are the most frequent targets of Gregg, right?
 - A. He or she does, yes.
- Q. So don't you think it's important what those names are if they're relevant to this case?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation.

THE WITNESS: I assured them of confidentiality.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. But your word that you'll keep it confidential isn't a reason not to disclose that in this case. You understand that, right?
- A. I don't know. This is two years ago. I have no idea who these people are.
 - Q. You just forget?
- A. Yes. I mean, I move on. I deal with the Middle East. I don't spend my time thinking about office -- the office.
 - Q. You don't --
 - A. I dealt with it -- let me finish -- I
- dealt with it. I dealt with it satisfactorily.

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Everyone in the office literally signed on who was concerned. All three of the complainants signed on, like written documents saying they're fine with it.

They weren't happy about every aspect, but they were fine with it. Gregg was fine with it. We moved on.

I did not think about these things after that. I have not thought about them for two years. We solved the problem. I --

Q. Did any of them complain after they gave you that agreement?

A. I told you not a single complaint before
November 1st or after November 6th, 7th, or so. Not
a single one.

Q. You're sure of that?

A. Well, I don't remember any. I can't tell you for sure. I might've forgotten something, but I don't remember any complaints, certainly nothing of a sexual nature, nothing that would cause me to fire Gregg, which I said I would do if there was anything of a sexual nature.

Q. What about retaliation? Would you fire Gregg if he retaliated against the employees who reported him?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

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THE WITNESS: He had no opportunity to

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retaliate.

Q. We can't -- did you hear that, because I didn't.

A. There was no opportunity for him to retaliate. He was out of their lives. Between November and March, he had almost no contact with them. Only after March did he do so.

Q. Well, he was still the director of the Middle East Forum that whole time, right?

A. He had the same title but very different job responsibilities. I'm sure you have the email I sent to him describing his new responsibilities, and you'll see that he had no -- essentially, effectively, no contact, just some emails once in a while. I took him out of their lives, and they were content.

Q. They were content unless they were complaining about it the whole time to you, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Objection. THE WITNESS: I specifically said at the meeting and in other context if you have any problems with Gregg, let me know. I told them he has no second chance.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. But they did let you know, and you didn't do anything about it, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation.

THE WITNESS: They did not let me know. They let me know in early November about things that had happened months and months earlier. Prior to November there were no complaints about anything of a sexual nature or anything else, for that matter, that I can recall. I mean, not everybody finds him wonderful in every way, but I do not recall any serious complaints about Gregg before or after that week in the middle of -- at the beginning of November 2018.

17 BY MR. CARSON:

Q. No complaints about retaliation?

A. No complaints about retaliation.

Q. No complaints, period, actually?

A. No complaints, period, yes. That's correct. If there were some and I forgot, then remind me, but I remember nothing. I remember a clean bill, and I remember Tricia, in particular,

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saying at the March meeting he's been great. I have no complaints. She said it explicitly. I have no complaints.

Q. Tricia definitely didn't make any complaints to you?

A. Definitely.

Q. In fact, she said the opposite. She said everything's great?

A. She said I have no problems with Gregg since November, the last five months.

Q. And if she was complaining to you, you would've fired Gregg?

A. If I had a complaint, particularly of a sexual -- not any complaint would get him fired -- but a complaint of a sexual nature, then, yes, I would've fired him immediately.

Q. Well, what happened with Alana Goodman, that's of a sexual nature, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. THE WITNESS: If it happened. I don't know when it happened. I was not aware of it. There was not a complaint, so it was not part of my decision making.

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Q. Well, now you're aware of it today. Are you gonna fire Gregg?

- A. I am not gonna engage in hypotheticals.
- Q. Well, are you gonna call Alana Goodman after this and talk to her about the recording you heard today?
 - A. I am not going to take your bait.
 - Q. Are you gonna investigate it?
 - A. I am not going to take your bait.
- Q. It's not bait. It's a question, and you have to answer it. Are you gonna investigate the recording you just heard today?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. THE WITNESS: I am not the Middle East Forum den mother. I am not looking into people's private lives, and if I did, I would have no time for the Middle East, which is what I work on.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. You would have what?
- A. No time for the Middle East, which is what I work on.
- Q. You don't have time to investigate this stuff because you're not their den mother; is that

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right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to characterization.

MR. CARSON: I'm repeating your client's testimony, Jon. I understand why you wanna object, though. Trust me.

THE WITNESS: I am a Middle East specialist. I am the head of an organization. I deal with the organization. As you can see, in early November I had a problem, I dealt with it expeditiously, I investigated it, and I mediated it, and everyone was content with it, and I moved on, and they moved on. At least, it appeared. I called them. To their faces, I said you are my heroes and my angels. We're gonna work together. We're gonna fix this. And they said yes, and then you pop up and cause a problem.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. What was the last thing you said?
- A. And then you pop up five months later, and everything falls apart.
 - Q. All right. So you understood that these women looked up to you, right, personally?

A. No idea. You have to ask them.

- Q. Well, they told you that, didn't they?
- A. I have no memory of that.
- Q. Can you understand why it might've been hard for some of them to come to you?
 - A. Not at all.
 - O. You don't understand that?
 - A. No. I said come to me if you have any problems. Don't hit me with surprises. Let me know when there's a problem brewing. If something had happened in Israel in early 2018, it was incumbent upon Lisa to come to me and tell me about it, and she didn't do so.
 - Q. Would you characterize yourself as having a welcoming personality?
 - A. I am not going to take your bait, Mr. Carson.
 - Q. I'm just -- I mean, the allegations in this case are very personal to these women, right?
 - A. Yes, and they came to me November. They could've come to me in -- in a timely manner. They didn't, in particular the AIPAC and the Israel events. I don't remember when the Marnie conversation was, how much earlier, but these were

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in the spring, and they came to me in the fall, some six, seven, eight months later. That was wrong on their part. And, as indicated earlier, the initial information I had was Marnie's report, and Lisa said, no, Gregg had not hit on her. So what am I to think? Eight months, and the first report is that she said no.

Q. Well, you did --

A. -- seriously. I took it seriously, and I took radical steps. I investigated, mediated, got everyone into agreement, and removed Gregg from his office role, retained his external role with the projects, with fundraising, with dealing with the media and the like. So I dealt with it fully and satisfactorily to everyone's -- to everyone's satisfaction. So why, in June 2019, we get hit with five EEOC and then lawsuits is a little strange since everyone said it was fine, and the two who were not part of this didn't say a word, not a word.

- Q. Well, Caitriona Brady did, right?
- A. No, not a word.
- Q. You don't think she was upset if Gregg -you don't think she was upset if Gregg Roman was telling people that Marnie got her job by giving --

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by trading sexual favors with her father?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation.
THE WITNESS: In the first place, I'm not

THE WITNESS: In the first place, I'm not gonna attempt to ascertain how she felt. It's not my business. But, secondly, there was this rumor that Marnie ascribed to Gregg. Marnie has been proven to be a liar since then. I have no reason to believe what Marnie has said to them about that. Let me put it differently --

MR. CARSON: Can you hear, because I'm having a really hard time.

THE COURT REPORTER: It's very tough.

THE WITNESS: Okay. First, I have no way of explaining to you what Brady's mental state was. I have no idea, and I'm not gonna answer that. Secondly, that rumor, we have never found out where it came from. Marnie ascribed it to Gregg. I have no reason to believe that that is the case. I don't know where it came from, but I have no reason to believe that Gregg was the source of it. So -
BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Why, because -- go ahead. You can finish.

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A. Finished.

Q. Why, because Gregg denied it? That's why you don't think it came from him?

A. Because there's a tissue of lies about this.

- O. Where'd that --
- A. Tissue of lies.
- Q. Where'd that tissue of lies begin?
- A. Where'd it begin? I don't know where it began. There's just so many of them.
 - Q. Well, when is the first time you heard about this rumor? And by "rumor," I think we're both talking about the same thing. There was a rumor that Gregg Roman said that Caitriona Brady's father had traded sexual favors with Marnie.
 - A. No. The rumor was that Marnie's -- that Marnie had sexual relations with Brady's father in order to get a job.
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. Wasn't Gregg's rumor. It was a rumor.
- Q. Let's just characterize it as a rumor for now. So you did hear that Gregg started the rumor, correct?
 - A. Marnie told me that. Yes.

Q. And Gregg denied it?

- A. Gregg denied it.
- Q. Was there any other reason besides Gregg's denial that you didn't believe it came from Gregg?
- A. I don't know where it came from. It may have come from Gregg; it may have come from Marnie; it may have come from Brady; it may have come from Lisa. I have no idea.
- Q. You think Marnie started the rumor about herself?
 - A. [Inaudible].

THE COURT REPORTER: What was that, sir? THE WITNESS: They were playing so many games. I don't know what they were --

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Who was playing games?
- A. All of these people.
- Q. Who are you talking about when you say that?
- A. Marnie, Lisa, Tricia, Matt. Playing games. The very first --
 - Q. Marnie, Tricia, Lisa, Matt. Who else?
 - A. Those four. The very first memo, the
- handwritten memo, was all about the games. Matt's

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doing this to push Lisa to take a job she can't
handle so that Tricia can take over her job. I
mean, I had no idea this was taking place, and then
after -- after that, it kept on going. Matt wanted
the directorship. Marnie wanted the directorship.
Lisa wanted directorship. Everybody was after
Gregg's position, playing games. I don't know
what -- I don't know what the specific tactics were,

- but I know that they were playing games.
 Q. Earlier you said you didn't know what
 Brady's mental state was, right?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. That's Caitriona Brady?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. Why are you questioning her mental state?
 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to the characterization.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Why are you questioning her mental state?
- A. You asked me if she did not feel this or that, and I said I have no idea what she felt. I did not talk to her about it, and I'm not gonna guess at what she was feeling.
 - Q. You didn't talk to her about it?

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- A. I talked to her not at all about this.
- Q. Don't you think that you owed it to her to talk to her about it?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. THE WITNESS: If she had wanted to talk to me, she could've come to me. [Inaudible] that I was looking to see if he had done anything wrong after November and that I was eager to learn of any -- anything wrong he did, particularly in the sexual area. Nobody came to me.

BY MR. CARSON: 12

- Q. How long did your investigation take?
- A. Investigation of what?
- Q. You testified earlier that, as part of the investigation, you interviewed everyone in the office. How long did that investigation take?
- A. It dominated a week of mine from the 1st of November till the 7th or 8th or so. This letter that you have up here is dated, I think, the 8th, so that's a full week from the 1st. Something on the 21 order of [inaudible].
 - Q. Sorry. I didn't hear the last thing you said.

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- A. Something on the order of a week. Nothing else. Talked to Marc incessantly, talked to others at great length, asked lots of questions, discussed with Marc what steps to take. Marc was my legal and -- my legal confidant who worked with me on fixing this.
- Q. Who was your legal confidant? Oh, Marc Fink, your house counsel, correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Yeah. You don't have to tell me what he said. Let me think. So when you say that it took a week, was that to do all the interviews or what -why did it take a week? What did you do throughout that week?
- A. Interviewed, I discussed with Marc, I came up with different ideas. Essentially, it was a week intensely talking to Marc, gathering information, and figuring out solutions.
- Q. Did you look at any phone records during the course of the investigation?
 - A. I did not. I talked to people.
- Q. Did you read emails or Slacks or Telegrams or WhatsApps or anything like that?
 - A. Nothing. I only talked to people.

Q. Okay. So --

- A. Or, I should say, in the case of the staff who are not in the office, I wrote to them.
 - O. Fair enough.
- A. Personal communication between me and them, one-to-one, which I then shared with Marc, and we worked out resolutions and solutions.
- O. As far as the -- as far as the -- the rumor about Caitriona Brady's father and Marnie Meyer, that wasn't done that week, correct? That was done at a later date?
 - A. That was well into 2019. Yes.
 - Q. And did you investigate that in any way?
- A. I tried, but I hit a brick wall.

Everything was contradictory. At a certain point, I just couldn't figure out who was saying what to whom.

- Q. Wasn't it true that everyone was telling you Gregg Roman said it except Gregg Roman?
 - A. No.
- Q. What did Lisa tell you about it? Did you interview Lisa?
- A. I did, and I can't tell you specifically who said what, but I remember that some thought it

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was Marnie who had come up with it; some thought Lisa who had come up with it; and some thought Gregg had come up with it.

- Q. Who thought Lisa came up with it?
- A. I can't remember the specifics.
- Q. Just Gregg Roman, right? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know.

9 BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Did you send Lisa any emails about it letting her know that we interview -- you conducted this investigation?
 - A. [Inaudible].

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't rem -- I can't hear you, sir.

THE WITNESS: I don't think so. Don't remember if she should, but I don't think so.

MR. CARSON: I really need to take a bathroom break. I'm sorry. I can't -- just go off the record for a minute, guys. I'm sorry about that.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. The time is --

MR. CARSON: I'll do as long as you want

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| 2 | Jon, but I only need like three minutes. I just gotta run to the bathroom. | 2 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 3 | MR. CAVALIER: If we're gonna break | 3 | THE WITNESS: No. |
| 4 | like I always say, if we're gonna break, I'd | 4 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 5 | rather break for at least ten just so it can | 5 | Q. I mean, a lot of women have complained |
| 6 | actually be a break. | 6 | about Gregg Roman's misconduct now, right? |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: Yeah, that's fine. All | 7 | A. Thanks to the Derek Smith Law Group, yes. |
| 8 | right. So we'll come back in like 1:21 or | 8 | Q. Well, are we responsible for Samantha |
| 9 | something like that. | 9 | Mandeles complaining about him? |
| 10 | MR. CAVALIER: That works. | 10 | A. Don't know about that. |
| 11 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:11, and | 11 | Q. I'm sorry? |
| 12 | we are off the record. | 12 | A. I don't know about that. |
| 13 | we are on the record. | 13 | Q. Are we responsible for Lea Merville |
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| 20 | BY MR. CARSON: | 20 | Q. Did you ever talk to Lea Merville? |
| 21 | Q. Mr. Pipes, did Gregg Roman ever tell you | 21 | A. No. |
| 22 | that he could destroy you? | 22 | Q. You never called her in your entire life? |
| 23 | A. No. | 23 | A. I think I met her when she began as an |
| 24 | Q. Did he ever tell anyone else that? | 24 | intern. |
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Lisa Barbounis v. Middle Eastern Forum, et. al. Deposition of DANIEL PIPES Page 153 Page 155 indicating they were happy with the resolution. a close personal relationship in which they told 2 each other all sorts of things about their lives, Gregg signed a document saying he was happy including their bodily issues, sexual issues, their 3 with the resolution. He was content with the -- "happy" is too strong a word. Everyone relationships with all sorts of people and the like. 4 5 was content with the resolution. May not be 5 That is their business, not mine. 6 6 Q. Are they on equal footing? ideal, but it was content -- they were 7 7 A. They were supervisor and supervisee. They contented with it. I did not need to go into became friends, and that was a mistake. That's at 8 other matters, and I will not be baited into the heart of this, that Gregg should not have done 9 getting into those matters here. I dealt with 10 the issues in front of me effectively, to that. He made a mistake. 11 Q. It's more than just supervisor and 11 everyone's contentment. BY MR. CARSON: 12 supervisee, though, right, because Gregg Roman's 12 also a corporate officer of the entity, the Middle Q. The matters we're talking about are the 13 subject of this case, though, aren't they? East Forum, correct? 14 14 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 15 A. What is your question? 15 THE WITNESS: As I understand, there are 16 Q. Do you know what proxy liability is? 16 17 17 three plaintiffs at this point. None of them A. No, I don't. 18 are named Lea Merville or Alana Goodman. 18 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 19 BY MR. CARSON: 19 BY MR. CARSON: Q. But they told you when they made their 20 20 Q. Well, Gregg Roman is a corporate officer complaints in November of 2018 that Lea Merville of the Middle East Forum, so the conduct and 21 21 22 had -- had said these things, correct? comments that he made, those conduct and comments 22 23 23 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. are from the Middle East Forum. 24 THE WITNESS: Marnie repeated a rumor 24 MR. CAVALIER: Is that a --Page 154 Page 156 BY MR. CARSON: about this. Yes. 2 Q. That's the relationship [inaudible], 2 BY MR. CARSON: 3 correct? Q. And Daniel -- strike that. And Lisa Barbounis, my client, said that, as part of the 4 A. I have no idea. sexual harassment that she was subjected to, Gregg 5 MR. CAVALIER: Object to the --Roman described in detail him having sex with Lea 6 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. I know the Merville. That's why it's relevant to this case. 7 Middle East. 8 8 Do you understand? BY MR. CARSON: MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, if that's a 9 9 Q. Do you equate your job as having a question. 10 responsibility to the women who work with Gregg 10 11 11 BY MR. CARSON: Roman? 12 Q. Do you understand that that's the MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 13 13 BY MR. CARSON:

relevancy of this case? When your supervisor decides he's gonna tell the person that he's in charge of intimate details about his sexual life, that's sexual harassment, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to calling for a legal conclusion as well.

MR. CARSON: You don't need to say [inaudible].

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Q. It's sexual harassment. It's unwelcome sexual comments, right?

A. No. I have a responsibility to the employees of the Middle East Forum, whatever their

question: Do you have a responsibility to the women

Q. Strike that. Let me ask a better

who work at the Middle East Forum?

gender might be.

Q. But if a lot of women are complaining about sexual misconduct in their employment, don't you have a responsibility to -- to those women?

A. I had three complaints on November 1st A. From what I understand, Lisa and Gregg had $|^{24}|$ about Gregg in a sexual context. I investigated

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Page 157 Page 159 them, and I mitigated them to their satisfaction. Q. Is the Middle East Forum a victim in this 2 MR. CARSON: Sorry. Can you read -- I'm case? 3 sorry -- I just got distracted. Can you read A. Of course it is. Of course it is. \$31 million for what, for made up stuff? Tricia McNulty back his answer? 4 5 tells me that he sat too close to her, and then the complaint comes in. Oh, he tried to touch her 6 (Whereupon the court reporter read back bottom. Oh, really? Somehow it magically changed 7 the pertinent testimony.) 8 between November and June. Wonder how that happened. Sex trafficking? Oh, where did that come 9 THE WITNESS: I investigated them, and I 10 mitigated them to their satisfaction. from? Sexual assault? Where did all these things come from? Who came up with sex trafficking? 11 BY MR. CARSON: 12 Mr. Carson, who came up with sex trafficking? Q. You don't see yourself as having some 12 particularized responsibility to make sure the women 13 Q. The United States Congress, Mr. Pipes. 13 at the Middle East Forum who complained about sexual 14 A. United States Congress did not apply to 14 harassment are protected? 15 Gregg Roman; Seth Carson did. 15 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Asked and 16 Q. Have you ever read the statute because --16 17 A. I've read what you have produced and what 17 answered. words you put into their mouths. 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, and, accordingly, I 18 removed Gregg from the office and from any 19 Q. Have you ever read the sex trafficking 19 20 direct contact with them in a physical presence 20 statute -in their life, and I protected them entirely. 21 21 They were content with that protection until 22 22 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) you came along five months later and decided it 23 23 wasn't good enough. 24 24 THE WITNESS: I do not need to know about Page 158 Page 160 1 the details of sex trafficking laws. I need to BY MR. CARSON: 2 2 Q. I know. It's my fault. I get it. It's know that that's what you claimed. not your fault in any way, correct? 3 BY MR. CARSON: A. They signed documents saying they were Q. So you don't know whether it applies to content with it. Nobody complained after that this situation or not, do you? point, after they signed the documents. 6 A. I know perfectly well that you make things 7 Q. So you don't feel responsible for anything up as you need to claim your \$31 million, of which you get, what, 40 percent? How much does that come 8 at all? to, Mr. Carson? That seems to come to about \$14 9 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. million for you. That's a nice payday. 10 11 Q. That's what you think --11 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 12 A. Good luck with that, Mr. Carson. I'll let 12 you know that we're not gonna be paying you. We're 13 THE WITNESS: I investigated and I mitigated the problem to everyone's gonna fight you tooth and nail, as you can see. 14 15 satisfaction. All four individuals directly 15 Q. Right. And then -involved were content with my resolution of it. 16 A. Good luck with your \$14 million. 16 17 Q. If there's a judgment, you'll end up 17 I thought everything was fine. They indicated everything was fine. I refer you to the paying it, correct? 18 18 19 photographs of May 19th, 2019 at our gala in A. And so far, let me point out, Mr. Carson, 19 20 New York -- big smiles in a chorus line with 20 you have paid us, not we have paid you. Due to your mistakes, you have paid us, and, indeed, just a few Gregg and others. Everything was fine, and 21 then all of a sudden we got big problems. Why? minutes ago, you got another problem with Judge 22

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Barbounis third.

Q. Why didn't Marnie Meyer wanna go?

Page 161 Page 163 A. I don't know why. Something to do with firm? 2 her busyness or something, but --A. Something on the order of \$5,000. Q. Isn't it -- go ahead. You wanna finish? 3 Q. And that was profit for you guys? A. But he invited Lisa to go to Israel to do 4 4 A. No. 5 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. work with him. That was not sex trafficking. THE WITNESS: It was the money that we had Q. Isn't it -- did you know that she went? 6 7 to pay our lawyers because of your -- your 7 A. I know that she went now. At the time, I 8 8 did not. actions. 9 9 BY MR. CARSON: Q. He hid it from you, correct? A. He hid it from me. And, by the way, so 10 Q. So how much money have you made from our 11 did Lisa hide it from me. The two of them were 11 firm? 12 complicit in hiding it from me. 12 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. THE WITNESS: -- \$5,000. 13 Q. Well, Lisa was following instructions, 13 though, right? BY MR. CARSON: 14 14 A. Lisa hid it from me. Gregg hid it from 15 15 Q. You've made \$5,000? A. We didn't make it. We paid it to our me, and I --16 16 lawyers because they had to spend time dealing with Q. Lisa was following the instructions of her 17 17 18 the things you raised wrongly. 18 supervisor? Q. When did you pay it to your lawyer? 19 A. Lisa hid it. She was upset by -- if she 19 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Hold up, 20 had a problem with it, she could've come to me. As 20 you have pointed out repeatedly, I was the ultimate hold up. Do not answer any questions about 21 22 authority. And when she did come to me on November bills or payments or --22 1st, I took action. So why didn't she come to me MR. CARSON: He raised the issue, Jon, not 23 23 24 back in March or April when she had a problem? 24 me. Page 162 Page 164 MR. CAVALIER: The instruction stands. Q. Wasn't she just following the instructions 1 2 of her supervisor? 2 THE WITNESS: So far, you have paid us. 3 We have not paid you. I remind you of that. A. She hid it from me. She was complicit in 3 And you have more problems on your docket, hiding it from me, and when she decided no longer 4 5 don't you? Daily reports to the judge. could it be complicit, it was eight months -- seven, 6 Remember those, Mr. Carson. eight months later. How come she didn't do it at the time, Mr. Carson? Maybe because nothing BY MR. CARSON: happened at the time, and she was only looking for a 8 Q. I'm gonna direct you back to the question vehicle with which to come to me en masse, all three 9 that we were discussing a moment ago in connection with the sex trafficking statute. Have you ever 10 of them, and find a reason to get my attention. 10 reviewed that statute before? 11 They felt safety in numbers, safety in arguing for 11 sexual harassment. I don't know why. There was no A. I deal with the Middle East, Mr. Carson. 13 I don't read sex trafficking statutes, but I know indication that I would not take it seriously what the term means, and I know that Gregg did not individually back in the spring, but that's what 14 15 engage in sex trafficking. 15 they chose to do. So she was complicit. They both Q. Well, if you lure someone across national did something wrong, and I've admonished Gregg. 16 16 borders in order to try to engage them in sexual Q. What did Gregg do wrong? 17 17 intercourse, isn't that what the statute states? 18 A. He hid it from me. 18 A. Only a perverted mind like your own would 19 Q. Isn't the reason that he didn't want 19 come up with an interpretation like that. He went 20 Marnie -- isn't the reason Marnie didn't wanna go is there to work. He asked Matt Bennett first, he because Gregg told her that she would have to share asked Marnie Meyer second, and he asked Lisa 22 22 a room with him?

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| 3 | BY MR. CARSON: | 3 | make that instruction. THE WITNESS: I think I |
| 4 | Q. Sorry? | 4 | |
| 5 | A. Ask her, not me. | 5 | MR. CARSON: Not a choice. You can't |
| 6 | Q. Well, isn't that her plea? | 6 | instruct someone not to answer based on lack of |
| 7 | A. I don't know. | 7 | foundation. |
| 8 | Q. You don't know what her claims are in her | 8 | |
| 9 | case? | | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 9 | |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: talking about Lisa | 10 | MR. CAVALIER: You're mischaracterizing |
| 11 | Barbounis now. | 11 | you're mischaracterizing the allegations |
| 12 | BY MR. CARSON: | 12 | MR. CARSON: Here is where you try to help |
| 13 | Q. But you testified that he didn't try to | 13 | him testify. Go ahead, Jon. Tell him what to |
| 14 | Tare her there for sex. | 14 | say. |
| 15 | A. That's correct. He took her there to do | 15 | MR. CAVALIER: You're asking me to explain |
| 16 | work, and apparently she did do work. | 16 | my objection. I have to do that. |
| 17 | Q. But the work could only be done if they | 17 | MR. CARSON: to say. Take a minute. |
| 18 | shared a hotel room together or an Airbnb together? | 18 | I'll allow you to tell him what to say. Go |
| 19 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, foundation. | 19 | ahead. |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: I know nothing about their | 20 | MR. CAVALIER: I stand on the instruction. |
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A. I'm not sure of the dates, but I know that she didn't tell me that in November. That came --

- O. It wasn't in the letter?
- A. In the letter, I don't think so, no.
- Q. Well, we'll have plenty of time to look at the letter today but --

A. In any case, she did not come to me at the time in February, March, April, whenever it took place and tell me, Gregg made an inappropriate offer to me to go to Israel and to stay in a hotel room with him -- in an Airbnb with him. She did not do that. She was complicit as well in hiding this from me. I did not know about it until she wrote me that memo in early November. Of that I am positive. I knew nothing of this trip. I knew the trip -- I knew Gregg went. I knew nothing about Lisa going there. I knew nothing about Marnie being invited. I knew nothing about the Airbnb. I knew nothing about the alleged assault. Call it what you will. Knew nothing until November. So all of them were complicit in hiding this from me, and then later -months, months later, eight months later -- they decide, oh, Gregg did all these things, and Marnie

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even tells me that she asked Lisa, did Gregg hit on you in Israel, and Lisa -- quote, "Lisa said no," unquote. So what am I supposed to take seriously?

- Q. Did you ever read that email?
- A. What do you mean?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. What email?

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. I don't know. Are you testifying you got on email?
 - A. No one said that.
- Q. When did Marnie ask Lisa if something happened in Israel and she said --
 - A. -- the handwritten note -- one wants to call it -- email, note -- of November 1st, 2018.
- Q. So on November 1st Marnie said that she asked Lisa if something happened in Israel and that Lisa said no?
- A. Exactly. "Lisa said no." Three words. Exact.
- Q. Did you learn anything else on November 1st?
 - A. Yes. Lots of things.
 - Q. Did you learn that Lisa had accused

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Mr. Roman of putting his foot up her butt?

- A. Yes, yes, of course.
- Q. Can you understand why it might be hard for women to report sexual misconduct?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I have a question why it's hard to report it in March, and it's possible to report it in November. They did report it, and I acted expeditiously and satisfactorily. So they had no complaints about my actions, so I don't understand why -- okay, it's difficult to bring up these personal issues, sexual issues, of course. But if it's possible to bring it up in November, why couldn't they have brought it up in the spring? Why couldn't Marnie and Lisa have come to me together and said, oh, we have a problem with Gregg because he invited us to an Airbnb, and he wanted to keep it secret from you. Why didn't they do that? What kind of credibility do they have when they -- don't interrupt me -- when they don't deal with it expeditiously, but wait eight months and wait to recruit another person, and then five months after that --

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no -- eight months after that, recruit two more, and they go to you, or you go to them. Who knows? But now safety in numbers sort of thing. Well, no, no. They should've reported this back in the spring when it took place and told me, and if it was so difficult, how come they could do it in November? What's the difference between the spring and the fall? So --

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Why don't you answer your own question? Can you think of anything?
- A. I am not going to try and interpret their minds. All I know is that they waited a long time, and they concocted stories for my benefit, and I took them at face value, and I took expeditious steps to clear up that problem from their lives, which I did, and they signed documents saying they were content with my [inaudible]. So they have no grounds to stand on, you have no grounds to stand on, and you should just close this whole damn thing down.
- Q. Can you think of any reasons why they reported it in November 2018?

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Deposition of DANIEL PIPES Lisa Barbounis v. Middle Eastern Forum, et. al. Page 173 Page 175 1 A. Something along those lines, yes. A. You ask them, not me, why they did it. 2 2 Q. Well, you keep saying that they concocted. Q. She say that she'll stab him? What do you mean by "concocted"? You mean made the A. She has said that she will stab him, yes. She has often said that she wants to kill him and whole thing up? 5 A. They made things up, yes. Lisa told stab him. She loathed him. 6 Marnie that she had not been hit on by Gregg. I Q. She often told you that she wants to kill learned that November 1st in the morning. That 7 him? 8 afternoon, I went in and Lisa told me she had been A. Yeah. She said --9 hit on by Gregg. Excuse me. Q. How often did she say that? 10 10 A. No, no. She didn't tell me. She wrote 11 11 that in her emails, in her texts and so forth. (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 12 Yeah. That's her --12 13 13 THE WITNESS: -- she would've come to me MR. CARSON: Can you hear? I'm having a at the time and told me. She would not have 14 tough time --14 waited eight months. I do not believe it, no. 15 15 THE COURT REPORTER: It's tough. I acted as though -- I acted on face value. I 16 MR. CARSON: Are you getting it all? 16 took it very seriously, and I took him out of 17 17 THE WITNESS: I'm speaking very loud. I'm 18 their lives. 18 19 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah, it's very quiet 19 BY MR. CARSON: 20 on my end, so please speak up. 20 Q. Did you read any text messages that Lisa 21 BY MR. CARSON: sent while she was in Israel? 21 22 A. She showed me her text messages, and none Q. You just have a naturally quiet voice, 22 of them indicated that he had assaulted her. She 23 Mr. Pipes. We're not trying to be --23 24 said she was uncomfortable, et cetera, et cetera, A. Okay. Page 174 Page 176 or, at least, that's what the text messages that she 1 Q. All right. Let's -- let's take a minute showed me said. Were they actually sent at the time and go through some stuff. Okay. Do you see this from Israel? I don't know. I did not look at the document here I just put in front of you? 4 metadata. She just showed me text messages A. Yep. allegedly from her to her husband. I took them at 5 Q. Do you remember writing this on 11/2/18? face value. I did not do an inquiry. I did not ask 6 A. No. for the metadata or anything like that. I just took 7 Q. Wanna take a minute and read through it everything at face value. Though, now, two years 8 real quick? 9 9 later, I'm gonna say, show me the metadata. Show me A. Okay. Okay. [inaudible]. Show me that this actually happened. 10 Q. Do you remember writing it now? But, in fact, if you look even at what she showed, 11 11 A. No, I don't remember writing it, but I 12

she didn't ever allude to any kind of assault. She 13 was weirded out. She was uncomfortable. He was talking about this and that, but nothing -- the 15 striking thing about her text messages, they don't actually refer to his touching her. They don't 16 refer to it. So, yeah, clearly, if those text 17 18 messages are valid, she was uneasy in the

Q. Did she say she was scared?

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- A. I don't remember the exact words, but, yeah, she was uneasy.
- Q. Did she say she wanted to sleep with a knife under her pillow?

recognize it, yeah.

- Q. So all three women on 11/1/2018 made allegations of unwanted sexual advances, correct?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. What you said in the letter?
- A. Yep, reporting.
- Q. So on November 1st, 2018 Lisa was one of the women who made allegations of unwanted --
 - A. Yes, of course.
 - Q. -- advances, right?
- A. Yes.
 - Q. Because you also said that she said no on

11/1/18, so I'm just trying to understand.

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| 1 | MD CAVALIED, Objection | 1 | A. Yeah. |
| 2 | MR. CAVALIER: Objection. Mischaracterization. | 2 | |
| 3 | | 3 | Q. So you investigated it in one day? A. Yes. |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: I did not say that. I said that the handwritten email from Marnie to me | 4 | |
| 5 | | 5 | Q. And here is what I found. These women who |
| 6 | that I read early in the morning on | 6 | work for you made unwelcome strike that say |
| 7 | November 1st quoted Lisa paraphrased Lisa as | 7 | that you made unwanted sexual advances I can read |
| 8 | saying no in answer to the question, did Gregg | | this to myself. Hang on a second. So my next |
| | make advances on you. But, as you can see, I | 8 | question is, Gregg Roman said that he acknowledges |
| 9 | took their testimonies, I confronted Gregg with | 9 | his conduct was not acceptable, right? |
| 10 | it, and I dealt with it. You have it all right | 10 | A. Yes. |
| 11 | here in black and white. | 11 | Q. What about his conduct wasn't acceptable? |
| 12 | BY MR. CARSON: | 12 | A. Ask them. |
| 13 | Q. Well | 13 | Q. Well, he said it to you during your |
| 14 | A have in black and white is that they | 14 | investigation, so I'm asking you. |
| 15 | said they were satisfied with this solution. | 15 | A. Ask him. Ask them. I mean, I'm reporter |
| 16 | Q. So I haven't seen | 16 | nere. The ner minus reader. |
| 17 | A they came back and said, oh, no, we're | 17 | Q. Well |
| 18 | not satisfied. We want \$31 million. | 18 | A. Investigator. |
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| 21 | the November 1st, 2018 email from Marnie Meyer where | 21 | everything's made up in this case? |
| 22 | Marnie Meyer writes that Lisa denied being | 22 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to |
| 23 | sexually being subjected to sexual harassment. | 23 | the mischaracterization. |
| 24 | A. I can send it to you right now. I don't | 24 | BT With Critisory. |
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| 1 | know what the protocol is, but I can send it. | 1 | Q. You can answer. |
| 2 | Q. Well, when we get a break I mean, you | 2 | A. He acknowledged, broadly speaking, that he |
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immediately upon learning of it. Do you see that?

Q. Why isn't it acceptable, because of the

previously, Marnie and Lisa knew of each other's

offers to go to Israel. They could've come to me.

Page 181 Page 183 1 I don't know if AIPAC was before that or after that, power dynamic? 2 but I'm sure they could've found some other reason MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 3 THE WITNESS: It's -to -- some other person to come up with a reason. They had numbers. They had two of them, and there 4 BY MR. CARSON: 5 Q. Is that why? was no indication whatsoever that either of them would be fired. That was just a fear they had. No A. It's wrong for supervisors to be close to indication. And, for that matter, no indication 7 their -- the people they supervise. Q. And why? anytime after that. I didn't fire anybody. I had 8 A. -- maintain -- because it complicates 9 no hint of firing anybody. I had no intention to things in all sorts of ways, as we can see right fire anyone. I called them my angels and my heroes, here. Not a good idea. Do what you want on your 11 and I wanted it to work. 11 time. Stay away from close relations with people 12 Q. Gregg acknowledged that his conduct put 12 you supervise. these women in a difficult position, correct? 13 13 Q. Were you Lisa Barbounis' supervisor at 14 A. Yes. 14 this time? 15 Q. So maybe that's the position they put him 15 in is whether or not to -- well, you tell me. What 16 A. I was not. was the difficult position? Q. So if Gregg Roman, her supervisor, directs 18 her to do something, and then she doesn't tell you 18 A. I just explained it to you. about it, why would you think that she's complicit? 19 Q. Right, agreed. Okay. "You put this in 19 A. Why are we going over this again? 20 the context of calling yourself a 'social junkie' 20 who seeks constant social interaction." Did he MR. CAVALIER: Yeah. Object to --21 22 explain what he meant by that? 22 THE WITNESS: -- came to me in November. 23 23 Why didn't she come to me in, let's say, March A. I think it's self-evident, isn't it? 24 24 when the -- I don't remember when it was --Q. I do, actually. So are you aware -- have Page 182 Page 184 let's say March was when the Israel trip was. you ever done any research into people who have --1 who commit serial sexual misconduct? 2 Why did she not come to me? Why did she hide the whole trip from me? Why did Marnie not 3 A. I have not. Mr. Carson, I've told you 4 tell me about what she was offered to do in repeatedly I specialize in the Middle East, not 5 Israel? Why did they wait eight months? these matters. This is your area, not mine. BY MR. CARSON: 6 Q. Well, since you have someone like Gregg 6 7 Q. Is it possible she was --Roman working for you, do you think maybe you A. Obviously, they were not scared because 8 should've done some research like that? 9 9 they came to me, but they waited eight months. MR. CAVALIER: Hey, Seth. Come on, man. Isn't that a little suspicious, Mr. Carson? 10 10 I mean, really? Q. No, not at all. Not even a little bit. 11 11 MR. CARSON: No. It's a serious question. 12 A. I see. So waiting eight months to come THE WITNESS: I was approached by three 13 with allegations is perfectly normal and enhances 13 employees with complaints -- far-reaching their credibility, does it? 14 complaints about all sorts of topics. I 14 Q. Yes. 15 investigated and mitigated. I did not do 15 16 research into their personalities. I did not A. Okay. 16 Q. The reason why is because if they were do psychological research. I did not do legal 17 17 scared of losing their jobs, maybe they felt some research. I did research into what is going 18 18 sort of safety in numbers by telling you the 19 on, and I mitigated it to their satisfaction. 19 20 complaints all at the same time. Did you ever 20 I don't see why you are suggesting that I consider that? 21 should also have gone into all sorts of arcane 21 22 research about psychology. No. I dealt with 22 A. They had numbers. As I pointed out to you

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I deal with problems when they arise. I did that here. I spent a week on it. I mitigated it to everyone's contentment. What more do you want?

BY MR. CARSON:

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Q. I wasn't suggesting that you seek out arcane psychological research, but maybe current psychological research, maybe talk to an expert. Did you ever consider doing that?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I did not need to talk to an expert. I needed to talk to the individuals who come to me and complain and listen to them carefully and figure out a solution.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Well, based on some of the complaints that we heard today, it does appear Mr. Roman has an MO, doesn't it?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. THE WITNESS: I know nothing about

Mr. Roman's private life.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Isn't it your job to know something about it?

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MR. CAVALIER: Object --

THE WITNESS: It is not my job to know about Mr. Roman's or any other employee's private life. I am only concerned if what they do affects the Middle East Forum. So we had another instance of that, I might remind you, where Lisa Barbounis was going off to Britain, and she was engaged in activities which are harmful to the Middle East Forum. She can go where she wants and do what she wants, but she can't engage in activities which are harmful to us, and so I protested them repeatedly. So whenever -- whether it be Gregg or Lisa or anyone else engages in activity which I deem harmful, particularly in conjunction with Marc on a legal basis, harmful to what we -- our work, I will bring it up. But if it's not harmful, Lisa can do what she wants. If it's not harmful, Gregg can do what he wants. I am not their den mother. I'm the head of an organization. I'm concerned about the efficacy and credibility of the organization. I have to raise funds for the organization. I'm responsible for the employees of the

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organization. That's what I do, and I deal with the problem, and I move on, and I think this is a perfect example of dealing with a problem and moving on.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Well, I do, too, Mr. Pipes.
- A. Thank you.
- Q. The moving on part is the problem, though, right? You moved on before the issues were actually dealt with, correct?
- A. No. I dealt with all the issues. All four of the principals in this issue were content with the resolution I came up with. And, if you don't know it, I have signed documents by all four of them to that effect. Yes, they didn't like one or another aspect of it, but they signed it and moved on. There were no complaints, not a single complaint. If there had been, I would've acted on it.
 - Q. Other than November 2018?
- A. After the beginning of November. It was all consolidated in this one week. Nothing before, and nothing after.
 - Q. You definitely made that clear today. So

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you never had another credible unwanted allegation of sexual advances by Mr. Roman to a female staffer? See this sentence here? I can ask a better question. You write here that you acknowledge that -- you're telling Gregg that he acknowledges that, in the future, if there's another credible unwanted sexual advance --

A. It doesn't say --

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(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

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THE WITNESS: A credible. Not another credible. A credible.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. I'm sorry. Say that again, Mr. Pipes.
- A. You misread that. You said another credible unwanted sexual advance, implying that I accepted the accusations against him were credible. I didn't write that. I wrote, if there is a future case of a credible unwanted sexual advance, then I will fire you, but I didn't imply that -- I took seriously that I believed them. I took them seriously, but it's a fine line. I took it seriously and acted upon these complaints, but I did

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Page 189 Page 191 not actually believe them. about it. 2 Q. You never believed them, correct? 2 Q. You might be a faster reader than me. Are A. No. Well, I mean, what is there to 3 you -believe about a sexual advance when a woman says to 4 A. "On November 1st, I confirmed with you a man, I'm not gonna sleep with you? That is not that I was aware of certain indiscretions between" -- da, da, da, da -- "during a trip to Israel in 7 Q. Mr. Pipes, what about that she felt the 7 May." 8 need to point that out, though? Q. Take a minute and just read it to A. Well, that's not our case here, is it? yourself, and tell me when you're ready. 9 10 Q. So Mr. Pipes agreed to the -- strike that. A. Okay. So Mr. Roman agreed to the new structure governing 11 11 MR. CAVALIER: Seth, if you got a natural the employee, the employment relationship between 12 break point coming up, it's almost --Mr. Roman and the female staffers, right? 13 MR. CARSON: Wanna do it now? You wanna 13 A. Yes. You have, I'm sure, the agreement 14 just do it now? 14 between -- signed agreement between Gregg and me. 15 MR. CAVALIER: -- 2:15. We can if you 15 Q. It looks like this is an email from 16 want to. I'm just thinking maybe we break for Ms. McNulty, and it's addressed to you, and Marc 17 a half hour for lunch. 18 Fink is cc'd on it, and I think she's actually 18 MR. CARSON: Yeah. We can just do it now, responding to an email that you wrote her. So you 19 whatever. We'll do this document when we get see on Sunday, November 4th at -- strike that. On 20 Sunday, November 4th, 2018 at 11:34 p.m., you sent 21 MR. CAVALIER: That works for me. You 21 an email with the subject line, "Allegations and 22 okay with that, Daniel? consequences," correct? 23 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. A. Correct, except it's a.m., not p.m. 24 24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. So it is Page 190 Page 192 Q. Thank you -- a.m. -- and you sent -- you 1 2:10 p.m., and we are off the record. 1 copied and pasted and sent this exact email to 2 Ms. McNulty, Ms. Meyer, and Ms. Barbounis, correct? 3 (Whereupon there was a recess in the 4 A. Correct. 4 proceeding from 2:10 p.m. to 2:49 p.m.) Q. And you -- I mean, I can show them to you, 5 but I'll represent to you you sent all three of them 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 2:49 p.m. at 11:34 a.m. on November 4th. Do you remember 7 Eastern Time, and we are on the record. 8 8 that? BY MR. CARSON: 9 9 Q. All right. Let's do it. Do it to it. A. Yep. I don't know if I remember, but, All right. So we left off, we were looking at this yeah, I see it. 10 document, which looks like an email -- like we said 11 Q. And I think that later the same day -that evening, Ms. McNulty replied. before, it's an email. You sent this email to 12 13 A. Mm-hmm. Well, thank you for pointing this Tricia in the morning, and then she replied. Just out because it shows that she, too, is complicit -tell me whenever you're ready. 14 14 15 A. Ready. I am ready. 15 16 Q. So today you testified that the only thing 16 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) that was reported to you by Patricia McNulty was 17 17 that Gregg sat too close to her on the couch. Do 18 THE WITNESS: She also was aware of it, so 19 you remember that? 19 all three were complicit. BY MR. CARSON: 20 A. Yep. 20 Q. Wait. What are we talking about now? 21 Q. So this email seems to describe a much 21 What are they complicit in? more significant incident. Don't you agree? 22 22 A. Hiding the trip to Israel and not saying A. Well, this is the next day. 23 23 anything -- one, hiding it, and, two, not telling me 24 24 Q. Sorry?

answer the question.

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| 1 | A. This is the next day. This is not what | 1 | MR. CARSON: We're gonna wait for an |
| 2 | she told me in her office. "Gregg put his arm | 2 | answer. |
| 3 | around Lisa and myself and pulled me into him." | 3 | MR. CAVALIER: Then we're gonna be waiting |
| 4 | Yeah, that is different from her initial testimony. | 4 | a long time. |
| 5 | Q. Initial what? | 5 | MR. CARSON: Fine. Go off the record |
| 6 | A. It's different from her initial statement | 6 | while we wait. |
| 7 | to me. | 7 | MR. CAVALIER: I disagree. Ask your next |
| 8 | Q. Did you read this? | 8 | question or call the judge. You wanna call |
| 9 | A. I read it, yeah. It's not what she told | 9 | Judge Wolson and tell him you want Daniel |
| 10 | me on the first first time we spoke. | 10 | Pipes, the president of the Middle East Forum, |
| 11 | Q. I mean, what she describes is that he | 11 | to answer the question about where a woman's |
| 12 | | 12 | vagina is? |
| 13 | | 13 | MR. CARSON: Yeah, because it's |
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| 15 | Lisa and myself and pulled me into him so that I was | 15 | |
| 16 | almost in his lap and began whispering in my ear | 16 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 17 | that no other men should be in the room." | 17 | |
| 18 | A. Yep. I see it. That's not what she told | 18 | MR. CARSON: Jon, sorry, but it's relevant |
| 19 | me the day before. | 19 | to the case. The director of the Middle East |
| 20 | Q. Yeah, and her complaint alleges that he | 20 | Forum put his hand underneath my client's butt |
| 21 | put his hand underneath her to make that move. | 21 | right next to her vagina, so it's relevant. |
| 22 | A. Right, so she added the first round here | 22 | MR. CAVALIER: You can ask the next |
| 23 | and the second round about the hand under her. | 23 | question, or you can call the judge. |
| 24 | Q. Oh, so these are she's lying, right? | 24 | BY MR. CARSON: |
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| 1 | A. She's inconsistent. I don't know what the | 1 | Q. You do understand that a woman's vagina is |
| 2 | truth is. I wasn't there, but it's inconsistent. | 2 | underneath her, right? Underneath her, right next |
| 3 | Q. Do you know | 3 | to her butt? |
| 4 | A. Also point out to you that No. 1 below, | 4 | MR. CAVALIER: Same objection, same |
| 5 | because I witnessed his da, da, da, da, da | 5 | instruction. |
| 6 | nature, I worry more I well, she worries more | 6 | MR. CARSON: We're gonna call the judge if |
| 7 | about his vindictive, manipulative, and volatile | 7 | I can't ask questions about this. |
| 8 | nature more than sexual advances. So the sexual | 8 | MR. CAVALIER: Call the judge, please. |
| 9 | advances were always secondary matter. It was the | 9 | Call Judge Wolson and tell him that you're |
| 10 | management of his team that she was unhappy about | 10 | asking these questions. I |
| 11 | and everyone was unhappy about and I was unhappy | 11 | MR. CARSON: They're good questions, Jon. |
| 12 | about. Yeah. | 12 | MR. CAVALIER: Then call the judge. |
| 13 | Q. Do you know where a woman's vagina is? | 13 | MR. CARSON: He's gonna be instructed to |
| 14 | MR. CAVALIER: Hold on. Really? | 14 | answer. |
| 15 | MR. CARSON: Yes. Do you know where a | 15 | MR. CAVALIER: Call the judge. |
| 16 | MR. CAVALIER: Don't answer that, Daniel. | 16 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 17 | | 17 | Q. You do know that, right, Mr. Pipes? |
| 18 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 18 | MR. CAVALIER: Ask legitimate questions of |
| 19 | MD CARCON, V. 1 4 4' 4' | 19 | this witness |
| 20 | MR. CARSON: You're not cutting anything | 20 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 21 22 | off, so stop threatening, and, second, he has | 22 | Q. You do know that, right? So you |
| 23 | to answer the question. | 23 | understand why it might be a sensitive subject for |
| 23 | MR. CAVALIER: No, he doesn't. Don't | 24 | her to describe what Mr. Roman did to her, right? |

You understand that?

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Page 197 Page 199 MR. CAVALIER: You can answer that A. I don't know. Show me. 2 2 Q. You asked her for a written statement, no? question, Daniel. 3 3 A. Show me. Show me --THE WITNESS: Ask it again. 4 4 MR. CARSON: You can read back my Q. Sure, I'd be happy to show you. I mean, 5 question. do you remember asking her for a written statement? A. I do not remember notes I sent two years 6 7 7 ago. You have to show them to me. I see no request (Whereupon the court reporter read back for more information. I see three questions. None 8 the pertinent testimony.) of them inquire about -- ask for more information. 9 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's a sensitive She offered it. 11 11 subject, and it was sensitive in April, and it Q. You never asked her to provide more was sensitive in November, and there's no 12 information? 12 reason in my mind that she should bring it up 13 A. Not in this letter. 13 only, what, seven months later. 14 Q. Did you ever ask her in any other letters? 14 BY MR. CARSON: 15 A. I went around the day before and I 15 Q. Brought it up because she was asking you inquired, what's going on? Tell me everything, and she told me that he was too close to her on the for help, right? 17 18 A. Yeah. couch. That was it. I remember that distinctly. This increased the complaint, and your imaginary 19 Q. And you didn't help her, did you? A. Of course I did. I -complaint increased it further, that he put his hand 20 under her, I think. That wasn't here, and it Q. What did you do, Mr. Pipes? 21 A. Removed Gregg from her life. 22 certainly wasn't the first day. So she elaborated 22 Q. Forever? on it. What the truth is, I don't know. I just 23 know that having three different versions of the 24 A. Until she was happy to have him back. Page 198 Page 200 Q. She was happy to have him back throughout same thing makes me skeptical. 1 the entire time after he came back? 2 Q. You don't know what the truth is, right? 3 A. And when the issue came up in March 9th, A. Of course I don't, but I see three she said, I have no problems with Gregg. different versions of it. I can read two, and the 5 Q. Did she ever complain? third one I remember. 6 6 A. No. Q. Why don't you try reading this sentence 7 here, Mr. Pipes? Q. Never? 8 A. Not after this, and not before this. This A. I didn't ask for more, just what you told was the one time. me already, and she elaborated on what she told me 9 Q. Okay. 10 the day before. 10 11 Q. Did you ask her about the elaboration? 11 A. And I will point out that her note says that she's more worried about his personality, 12 A. No, I did not. I did not go into --13 manipulative and so forth, than about sexual 13 Q. Did you ask her any other questions after advances. This was not the issue. It was put 14 14 that? 15 aside. 15 A. You're interrupting me. MR. CAVALIER: Gonna let him answer? Q. But you were wrong when you said that she 16 16 only said that Gregg Roman was close to her on the 17 17 THE WITNESS: I did not go into any -couch, right? That was wrong? 18 18 MR. CARSON: He answered. He said, no, I

A. I'm not wrong. I'm reporting to you what

Q. You asked her for a more detailed report,

escalation was November 2nd, and the second came in

I was told by her on November 1st. The first

your imaginary complaints.

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correct?

A. I took at face value the complaints against Gregg, I noted them, and I acted upon them.

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did not.

BY MR. CARSON:

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A. Let me finish --

MR. CAVALIER: Let him finish his answer.

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Page 201 Page 203 1 Q. You still take them at face value? THE WITNESS: And that they were ginned 2 2 A. I took them at face value then. I have up -learned a lot since then. I didn't know that 3 3 BY MR. CARSON: 4 there'd be a third round where she would claim that Q. I asked you a yes or no question, he put his hand under her at this time. Mr. Pipes. 6 6 Q. Well, how do you think he pulled her onto A. I am allowed to answer as I wish, I 7 7 her? believe; am I not? 8 8 A. You're interrupting me again. Q. Actually, not true, but go ahead. You can 9 Q. How do you think he pulled her onto her? finish your response. It was a yes or no question. 10 A. Could I finish --10 A. What is your question? 11 11 Q. Answer both questions at the same time. Q. I said, today, you know that they're A. No. I'll finish one, and then you will 12 false? 12 13 proceed. A. Yes. 13 14 Q. So you do know what happened then? Q. Do it in the order you wanna do it, 14 15 A. I know it didn't happen. 15 Mr. Pipes. 16 Q. What didn't happen? A. I've lost my train of thought. Could I 17 ask the court reporter from where I was? A. What these inconsistent, variable 17 18 18 accusations claim happened. 19 (Whereupon the court reporter read back 19 Q. So Gregg Roman never pulled Tricia onto the pertinent testimony.) 20 his lap? 20 21 A. I don't know. 21 22 Q. That never happened? 22 THE WITNESS: I have learned a great deal A. I know that she gave three different 23 23 about these complaints in the two years since. 24 I've been made aware of all sorts of accounts of it, and I find that implausible. 24 Page 202 Page 204 interactions. I can't give you chapter and 1 Q. None of the counts contradict each other, 2 verse, but I've become aware of a far more 2 Mr. Pipes, do they? 3 3 elaborate ruse than I was aware of at the time. A. They do. 4 I just took it at face value at the time. Now, 4 Q. How? Tell me the contradictions. 5 no, I do not. Now I'm highly skeptical. A. The first time was that he was just too BY MR. CARSON: close to her, which I found odd. That's why I 6 7 remember it so clearly. Too close to her? Q. You've learned that Gregg Roman is a That's -- in a room full of people on, apparently, 8 sexual predator, correct? couch full of people? Okay. You say so. I 9 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. THE WITNESS: I've learned that the didn't -- I didn't argue with her. I just took it, 10 and I removed him from her life, or at least almost 11 accusations against him are false. BY MR. CARSON: entirely from her life, so she had only a few 12 13 Q. I thought you just said you don't know if 13 electronic communications with [inaudible]. they're false. 14 Q. Mr. Pipes, how is that a contradiction? 14 A. I didn't know then. I just took it at 15 If he pulled her onto his lap, wouldn't that be too 15 face value in early November 2018. 16 close? 16 17 Q. So now you know they're false? A. No. That would be different. 17 A. Move ahead to November 2020, and I have 18 18 Q. It's not too close if he pulls her onto had a lot more information. I have looked at it far his lap? That's okay? 19 more in detail, and I came to the conclusion these 20 A. No. I didn't say it's okay. I said it's 20 a different complaint. She --21 are false and --22 Q. But it's not a contradiction, is it? 22 Q. So you know what happened?

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A. She mentioned nothing about pulling him to

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her on her lap, and she mentioned nothing about

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| 1 | nutting his hand under her in the initial statement | 1 | A. Lisa was on the other side and couldn't |
| 2 | putting his hand under her in the initial statement she made to me. | 2 | see. She has made that clear. |
| 3 | | 3 | Q. Has she made that clear? Were you at her |
| 4 | Q. And if he wrapped his hand around her and | 4 | • |
| 5 | pulled her onto his lap by using her backside, | 5 | deposition the other day? A. I was. |
| 6 | that's not a contradiction either, right? There's | 6 | |
| 7 | never been a contradiction in Ms. McNulty's | 7 | Q. So you heard her testimony that she was |
| 8 | statements, has there? | 8 | looking right at him, correct? A. I believe |
| 9 | A. An inconsistency. | 9 | |
| 10 | (To distinguish ship are so talls) | 10 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to the |
| 11 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 11 | categorization and description. |
| | THE COURT DEPORTED. On the first service | 12 | MR. CARSON: I'm describing my client's |
| 12 | THE COURT REPORTER: One at a time, guys. | | testimony at her deposition. |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: It is a very substantial | 13 | /T 1'4' '1 11 (11) |
| 14 | inconsistency that puts her statements into | 14 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 15 | doubt in my mind. | 15 | THE WITNESS 1 C 1 1 |
| 16 | BY MR. CARSON: | 16 | THE WITNESS: where Gregg's hand was. |
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| 18 | inconsistency | 18 | Q. So you've heard Lisa swear under oath that |
| 19 | MR. CAVALIER: Objection. Asked and | 19 | she watched him pull Patricia onto his lap, correct? |
| 20 | answered. Daniel, you've answered this | 20 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 21 | already. Seth, move on. | 21 | THE COURT REPORTER: What was the answer? |
| 22 | BY MR. CARSON: | 22 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 23 | Q. Right? | 23 | |
| 24 | A. Right what? | 24 | Q. You heard him, right? You heard her |
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listened to them, and I acted upon it. I did not

engage in a forensic investigation into it beyond that. I did not, for example, look at Lisa's text

messages in context. I just looked at them on her

phone, and she showed me. Now, she could've made 24

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started whispering inappropriate things in her ear,

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form across the

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your response was to let him maintain his

MR. CAVALIER: -- incomplete

Page 213 Page 215 MR. CARSON: Your objection's noted. hypothetical --BY MR. CARSON: BY MR. CARSON: 3 3 Q. That's not your business? O. You can answer. 4 MR. CAVALIER: You can answer if you can. 4 A. Lea Merville is not at issue here. Q. Yeah, I know. She wasn't an issue for you 5 THE WITNESS: If Lisa Barbounis goes to a 6 member of the MEF staff and lures her to his --6 ever, right? 7 7 A. No. She never came to me. to her room for sex, it's also not my business. 8 Yeah, these are not my business. Q. You never did anything about Lea -- the 9 issues that dealt with -- that pertained to Lea BY MR. CARSON: 10 Merville, correct? Q. So you're comparing consensual sex -- Lisa Barbounis' decision to have consensual sex with 11 A. I never did. She never came to me. someone to guid pro quo sexual harassment? That's 12 O. It never did -your --A. -- true and what's not true. I don't know 13 13 what her views are. I don't know if she -- anything 14 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, and object 14 happened. I don't know if she want it to happen. I 15 to the mischaracterization of -know nothing. 16 16 BY MR. CARSON: Q. Could you have called her? 17 Q. Are you comparing those two things? A. Not my business. I had three employees 18 18 who were unhappy and put matters aforth [sic] --19 Q. Then why do you keep saying that, 19 without the sex part -- four employees who were 20 Mr. Pipes? What does Lisa Barbounis' decision to 20 unhappy, and I had to deal with it. have sex with someone have to do with anything in 21 Q. Did you just say it's not your business? 22 22 this case? A. What relations Gregg has with others who 23 23 A. These are both actions -- sexual actions 24 don't protest to me, no, it's not my business. that people doing on their own private time, and no Page 214 Page 216 Q. So it only becomes your business if one has come to me to complain about it, and, someone complains to you directly? Is that your therefore, it's not my business. I am --3 Q. So you're only responsible -testimony? A. Let me finish. 4 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 4 5 THE WITNESS: There could be other 5 Q. You just --6 A. Let me finish. 6 conditions, but what we're talking about now is 7 three employees who came to me with specific 7 Q. Go ahead, Mr. Pipes. Finish your answer. 8 A. I am president of the Middle East Forum. 8 allegations, and I dealt with them. 9 9 I am not their chaperones. Q. You're not their den mother, right? 10 10 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) A. I'm not their den mother. Thank you. I 11 11 am not concerned unless someone comes to me -- I 12 THE WITNESS: I have now, since then, 13 engaged in lawsuits that seem to pretend that I have a big job. I have to raise money. I have to engage in scholarship. I have to oversee the 14 didn't deal with them. institution, and I do not go inquire of people, how 15 15 BY MR. CARSON: are you feeling today? Any problems? No. They Q. So if Gregg Roman entices a 18-year-old 16 16 come to me. I made it clear from the beginning. No 17 intern to a hotel room and says, you'll come to my 17 surprises, open door, come to me. Any problems, hotel room if -- and I'll sign your document, that's 18 18 19 come to me, and they came to me and --19 not your business? 20 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to 20 Q. If they don't come to you, it's not your 21 business? lack of foundation --22 A. Right. What am I -- I don't delve into 22 BY MR. CARSON: their private lives. 23 Q. That's not your business? 23

Q. It's not your problem?

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Page 217 Page 219 A. It's not --Q. Did you think these situations warranted a 2 personal response? Q. Right? 3 A. -- something I know about. A. Yes. Q. You're too important of a person? 4 4 Q. So why did you send them the exact same 5 MR. CAVALIER: Object. email? You sent Marnie the same email, too. Why? A. Because I wanted to have a single 6 THE WITNESS: I have a job. My job is to 7 pay close attention to my employees if they 7 arrangement with everyone, and everyone was content 8 with it. There were no special circumstances for have a problem. BY MR. CARSON: one or the other person. 9 10 Q. Whose job it is [sic] to make sure that Q. Shouldn't there have been special Gregg Roman doesn't violate the rights of women who circumstances since each one of them was alleging 11 11 work for the Middle East Forum? Isn't that your special conduct -- different conduct? 12 13 job, too, Mr. Pipes? A. No. 13 A. My job is to be concerned with the welfare 14 Q. No, okay. So Ms. Barbounis tells you that 14 of my employees, whatever gender they may be and 15 she's not at all happy with Mr. Roman's response to whatever their issues may be, and I take concern. I the allegations, correct? 16 think you have Exhibit A in front of you. When I 17 A. I have to read it. I note his 18 was presented with a problem, I dealt with it 18 inappropriate behavior is the least of my concerns. expeditiously and successfully. The issue was More troubling is the deceit and abusive behavior I 19 closed until certain people wandered in and raised witness and experience on a weekly basis, which 20 it and asked for \$31 million. increased after the Israel incident. And this is. 21 Q. You would characterize the way you handled rather, what Tricia said -- least of her concerns, 22 23 this as successful? that this was a minor matter -- and then they go on 24 about all the bad things that Gregg did as a 24 A. I certainly would. Page 218 Page 220 Q. Sitting here today? manager. Right, understood. That's what I heard 1 2 A. Yes, very successful. I have --2 loud and clear. 3 Q. I applaud your honesty. Q. So, Mr. Pipes, you decided to interpret A. -- four written -- signed documents that sentence as minimizing the sexual misconduct saying, go ahead, I'm content. You have them right and not outlining the seriousness of the deceit and here in front of you. They all signed -the abusive behavior? 7 Q. Mr. Pipes, I'm gonna direct your attention 7 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. to another exhibit. It's marked 0005 to 6. Let's BY MR. CARSON: 9 just take it up to 7. All right. And, again, see Q. Why? Why did you decide to interpret it this email? It's the exact same email you sent to 10 that way? 11 11 Patricia McNulty? A. I'm reading her words. His, quote, 12 "inappropriate behavior," unquote, is the least of A. Yup. 13 Q. You didn't draft a separate email for her. 13 my concern. You sent the same -- you didn't draft a separate 14 Q. Compared to the deceit and the abusive 14 15 behavior, she said. 15 email for Lisa. You sent her the same email you 16 sent Ms. McNulty, correct? A. Least of my concern. Least of my concern. 16 A. Correct. 17 That was not her major issue. Tricia said roughly 17 18 Q. And you sent it the exact same time, the same thing. Marnie, I believe, said roughly the correct? 19 same thing. All our discussions --19 20 20 Q. Mr. Pipes --A. Yep. Q. You didn't think these situations A. Let me finish. warranted a personal response? 22 Q. Right. You're gonna answer the 23 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 23 question --BY MR. CARSON: A. Let me finish. 24

Page 221 Page 223 you're answering right now? You don't even know 2 what you're answering. (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 3 3 MR. CAVALIER: Seth, this is gonna take a 4 long time, and you're gonna have a really 4 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Guys, this is 5 my last time, okay? From here on out, it's 5 jumbled record if you don't let him answer the 6 6 gonna be whatever comes out, comes out. 7 MR. CAVALIER: I'm amazed you've managed 7 MR. CARSON: I strike my last question. to go this long, Grace. 8 8 I'm moving on. 9 THE COURT REPORTER: Me, too. 9 MR. CAVALIER: If you want different 10 10 answers, ask different questions. Otherwise, 11 11 let him --(Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 12 MR. CARSON: -- yes or no question. Every 12 time I ask a question, your client decides he's 13 THE WITNESS: -- I get to talk and then 13 gonna go off on a speech about god knows what. 14 you wait till --14 MR. CARSON: You have to answer the 15 So we're gonna get a clear record, and we're 15 16 gonna focus on the questions that I'm asking. 16 questions I ask. 17 MR. CAVALIER: Clear record went out the 17 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. MR. CAVALIER: He is answering the 18 18 window long ago. 19 questions. 19 BY MR. CARSON: MR. CARSON: You actually do, Mr. Pipes. 20 20 Q. So, anyway, Mr. Pipes, why do you not I ask the questions. You answer the questions highlight the deceit and the abusive behavior? Why 21 21 are you attributing that to his management style? 22 I ask. It doesn't say anything about that in this email, 23 MR. CAVALIER: He's allowed to give his 24 complete answer, Seth. You know that. does it? 24 Page 224 Page 222 MR. CARSON: Can't answer whatever 1 A. I'm gonna resume where I was interrupted. 1 2 2 question that you wish I asked. Q. Mr. Pipes, forget about the last question. MR. CAVALIER: He's allowed to expound on I'll withdraw it. More troubling is the deceit and 3 4 his answer. You don't have the right to demand the abusive behavior, it says. 5 a yes or no from him. If he feels the complete 5 A. I'm gonna resume my prior answer. answer needs to explain, then he can explain 6 Q. You don't have to. It's not --6 7 it. He took an oath to tell the whole truth. 7 A. I'm going to. Q. I withdrew the question. There's no 8 8 BY MR. CARSON: 9 9 Q. So my next question is this. question pending. A. I am not gonna deal with your next 10 A. I wanna finish what I was saying. 10 question. I'm gonna deal with what I was saying. Q. You just wanna go off on a speech? 11 11 Q. Do you know what you were saying? 12 12 MR. CARSON: We're gonna go off the A. Yes, I know what I was saying. 13 13 record, then, if he's gonna just go off on a Q. Go ahead. Finish. 14 speech. There's no question, Jon. 14 A. Lisa said here in words I'll, again, 15 MR. CAVALIER: Daniel, let him ask the 15 quote, his inappropriate behavior is the least of my next question. If he's withdrawing the prior 16 16 concern. Tricia said something similar. Marnie 17 question, there's no point in finishing your 17 said something similar. The emphasis of all three 18 18 answer. He can withdraw the question if he was -- and Matt as well -- was on his being a bad 19 wants to. manager. Deceit, abuse, manipulation, and so forth. 20 20 BY MR. CARSON: Yes, they had a lot of complaints about him. 21 Q. "More troubling is the deceit and the Q. Why do you -abusive behavior." What does that have to do with 22 A. Let me finish. 23 23 management style?

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Q. Mr. Pipes, do you know what question

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- Q. Where does it say that?
- A. That's what it's about.
- Q. Why? Where does it say it?
- A. She was working with him, and she found his management to be deceitful, abusive, and much else. She had a long list of complaints, and others have other complaints, and this is what you will -- if you look at my letter to Gregg, I dealt with it. I dealt with all the problems in his being the supervisor of all these personnel. He did a bad job.
- Q. Does she say that she's talking about his management style?
- A. Let me finish. He has many virtues, he has many skills, but he was a bad manager, and I didn't argue with them. I accepted that he was --
 - Q. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Pipes.
 - A. Let me finish.
- Q. Mr. Pipes, you're not just gonna go off on a speech. I didn't ask anything about his management style. My question was, where does it say in here that she's talking about his management style? You're not gonna go off on a speech every

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time I ask a question, all right? You have to answer the questions I ask.

A. -- the rules of a deposition and what I'm allowed --

MR. CARSON: Jon, can you please explain to your client that he has to answer --

MR. CAVALIER: Seth, if you ask him open-ended --

MR. CARSON: It wasn't an open-ended question. Jon, I said, where does it say in this email that he's talking about management style?

MR. CAVALIER: He's trying to --

MR. CARSON: It's a yes or no question. He points out the answer as pointing out something in the email that he's referencing.

THE WITNESS: "Where" is not a yes or no question.

MR. CAVALIER: He's trying to explain to you where he learned the information.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Does it say in this email that she's talking about his management style, yes or no?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. "More troubling is the deceit and abusive behavior I witnessed and experienced on a weekly basis, which increased after the Israel incident."

Q. Why do you think that's about his management style?

- A. Because he was her manager.
- Q. Couldn't she have been talking about sexual misconduct when she said that?
- A. No. She just said that sexual misconduct, which she referred to as "inappropriate behavior," was the least of her concerns. No. She was concerned with him as a manager, as was Tricia, as was Marnie, as was Matt, and as was I.
 - Q. That's how you interpreted this letter?
- A. That's how I interpreted this letter.
- Q. Did you ever ask Lisa what she meant by it?
 - A. We had long discussion. This is a summary of our long discussion.
 - Q. Did you have a discussion after she sent --
 - A. Don't interrupt me. And our long discussion was about her many grievances with Gregg

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as a manager.

- Q. When was that discussion?
- A. November 1st.
- Q. So this email was sent on November 4th, so did you ever have a discussion with her about this email?
 - A. I don't think so. I don't remember.
- Q. You never followed up with her to talk to her about the deceit and the abuse?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I dealt with this by removing him from her -- being her manager. I did what she wanted. I took Gregg out of her, Tricia's, and Marnie's lives, and, to some extent, Matt's as well.

- Q. Did you deal with the comment that if Lisa crosses Gregg, he's gonna slit her throat?
- A. She told me about this, and she also told me that she threatened to slit him, slit his throat if he didn't behave. So, yeah, this is the way she talks.
- Q. But she's not the one who said that. Gregg said that, according to her, right?
 - A. Gregg talks that way, too.

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| 1 | Q. That's how Gregg talks, right? He | 1 | which this is only one. |
| 2 | threatens to slit people's throats? | 2 | Q. Do you believe those things? |
| 3 | A. I am not | 3 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 4 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 4 | THE WITNESS: He did acknowledge that he |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: other than this one or | 5 | said nasty things about me, yeah. And, |
| 6 | this. I don't know about this, but the point | 6 | therefore, I'll add I put him on probation and |
| 7 | is that this is a summary of what our | 7 | said, any serious mistakes you make, you're |
| 8 | discussions have been, and we moved on. | 8 | gone. And I also, I might add, looked for |
| 9 | BY MR. CARSON: | 9 | |
| 10 | Q. She | 10 | someone to replace him right there in November. BY MR. CARSON: |
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| 12 | A put down on the record her her complaints, her problems, and she agreed at the end | 12 | Q. And while he was on probation, he never |
| 13 | _ | 13 | once you never once got any complaints about him, |
| | of it to the arrangement I had suggested, and we all | 14 | right? |
| 14 15 | moved on, and there was no more discussion of this. | 15 | A. Correct. I remember |
| | Zero. We | | Q. Sure. |
| 16 | Q. Do you agree with Gregg | 16 | A. So, yes, he made lots of mistakes before |
| 17 | A. Let me finish. We addressed it intensely | 17 | November 1st. |
| | for a week, and then we moved on and never discussed | 18 | Q. You're not in focus. |
| 19 | it again, except with the minor exception of | 19 | A. Lots of mistakes. And, at the same time, |
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| 21 | no problem. Otherwise, it never came up until your | 21 | mistakes. I'll limit I'll reduce your |
| 22 | concocted lawsuits. | 22 | remuneration. I'll take away all these perks and |
| 23 | Q. Yeah. You said that about 30 times today. | 23 | benefits you have. Show me what you can do, that |
| 24 | On November 5th, 2018, you had a meeting, correct? | 24 | Jean are contained to be brillion are contained |
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| 1 2 | A. On which date? | 1 | yourself and not do this again, and he did. |
| 3 | Q. On November 5th, 2018, you had a meeting? | 2 | Q. Did you ever take away any perks or |
| | A. Yes. | 3 | benefits from Gregg Roman? |
| 4 | Q. Right, and then after that you moved on; | 5 | A. Yes, lots. You have a letter. |
| 5 | is that right? | | Q. Which ones did you take away? |
| 6 | A. Yeah. Within a few days. | 6 | A. You have the letter. You showed me the |
| 7 | Q. Can't hear you. | 7 | letter |
| 8 | A. Within a few days, yes. I mean, I asked | 8 | Q. He didn't lose any money, right? You |
| 9 | the project directors as well. | 9 | didn't take away his salary? |
| 10 | Q. Take a minute and read the rest of the | 10 | A. He did. He lost something in the order of |
| 11 | paragraph. | 11 | \$27,000. |
| 12 | A. Which one? | 12 | Q. How much? |
| 13 | Q. This one, and you can read the one below, | 13 | A. \$27,000. |
| 14 | too. Let me know when you want me to move down. | 14 | Q. How did he lose \$27,000? |
| 15 | Well, I can ask, do you agree with Gregg that MEF is | 15 | A. The medical insurance I took away. |
| 16 | better without you? | 16 | Q. You took it away from everyone because you |
| 17 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 17 | said it's not your policy to do that, right? |
| 18 | BY MR. CARSON: | 18 | A. No. I didn't take away from it all |
| 19 | | | from anyone, and I only took it all away from him. |
| 20 | Q. Says here that Gregg claims MEF is better | 19 | |
| | without you. Do you agree with that, Mr. Pipes? | 20 | Q. Gregg Roman bought that policy for the |
| 21 | without you. Do you agree with that, Mr. Pipes? A. No, I don't. | 20 21 | Q. Gregg Roman bought that policy for the office without your permission, correct? |
| | without you. Do you agree with that, Mr. Pipes? A. No, I don't. Q. Do you ever talk to Gregg about that? | 20 21 22 | Q. Gregg Roman bought that policy for the office without your permission, correct?A. Correct. |
| 21 22 23 | without you. Do you agree with that, Mr. Pipes? A. No, I don't. | 20 21 | Q. Gregg Roman bought that policy for the office without your permission, correct? |

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Q. You didn't want him to do that. He went rogue and did it on his own, right? 3

- A. Right, so I punished him by taking the --
- Q. Right. Had nothing to do with the sexual harassment, right?
- A. No. The sexual harassment meant that he was excluded from the office. Other problems -spending money --
- Q. You keep going out of focus, Mr. Pipes, something about your green screen effect. We need a clear record of the video for the courtroom, so you gotta like move your chair up or something like that. Yeah, there you go.

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Did you talk to Thelma Prosser about what she meant when she said that Gregg was borderline unbearable?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I went around and talked to everyone about everything that was on their minds November 1st. Whether I went back to

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them again, I don't think so. Whether she mentioned that on November 1st, I can't remember, but I got a complete download of all these many, many complaints about Gregg, which were generally quite consistent that he was doing lots of things wrong as director of the Middle East Forum, and I excluded him from the office for the sake of getting him out of the women's hair so there wouldn't be any allegations and so forth, protect him as well as them. And, on the other hand, I took away all sorts of perks and powers because of his mistakes as director. So I addressed both issues simultaneously and, as you know, got the --

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Gotta speak up.
- A. As you know, I got the agreement of the principals involved.
 - Q. What would it take to fire Gregg Roman? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to the incomplete hypothetical.

THE WITNESS: Hypothetical.

BY MR. CARSON: 24

Q. Well, could Gregg Roman do anything that could lead to his termination? Is there anything -is there way you would ever consider firing him?

MR. CAVALIER: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: I -- you saw the letter to him, and I said, if there's anything along these lines, you will be fired immediately.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Well, today we know there is something along those lines, correct?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Post November. If there's anything post November 5th, 6th, he would be fired. He did not --

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

THE WITNESS: Nobody complained, and therefore he --

20 BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. You gotta speak up.
- A. Nobody complained after November 5th or so and --
 - Q. Alana Goodman.

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- A. Alana Goodman did not complain to me.
- Q. So you can pick up the phone and call her and find out if Gregg is using his position as the director of the Middle East Forum to try to force reporters to have sex with him, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to -- oh, he's gonna call everybody in the world just to ask about --

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

MR. CARSON: -- complain that Gregg Roman is trying -- yelling at them across a bar to go to his hotel room in 30 minutes or he's gonna give the story to somebody else.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. How about just call those people,

Mr. Pipes? Did you ever consider that?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to foundation. Object to the hypothetical.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. You know about it now. You just listened to the recording. Have you ever considered it? What do you consider --

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A. I heard a recording. I don't know its providence. I don't know if it's a paid actress. I don't know anything about it. Q. Do you know who Alana Goodman is? 4

- A. I told you I --

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Q. Is she an actress?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: I don't know if she's an

actress or not, but I don't know who was speaking there. I know nothing about this. If Alana Goodman wants to complain about something that happened some years ago, let her come to me. I am not in the business of investigating my employee's personal life.

BY MR. CARSON: 15

O. Yeah. You're not in the business of 16 making your workplace safe for the female employees, 18 correct?

> MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to argumentative. You don't have to answer that, Daniel.

MR. CARSON: Yeah, he does.

23 BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Are you in the business of making your

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workplace safe for the female employees who work there?

MR. CAVALIER: Again, same objection. You can answer it if you want to, Daniel, but you don't have to. It's argumentative.

6 BY MR. CARSON:

Q. No. You do have to.

A. I'm in the business of making the workplace safe for all the employees, and, indeed, we have gone to great lengths to make the workplace safe. As you've heard, we have all sorts of safeguards in place to protect everyone from dangers. Yes, it's a very high priority for me, and we have done so. And, indeed, in this case --

Q. You gotta speak up.

A. Where there was an allegation -- where there were allegations against Gregg, I dealt with them immediately and radically until the 18 satisfaction of those who complained.

Q. You think a female employee would feel comfortable reporting sexual harassment today after the way you've handled the last ten reports?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to the incomplete hypothetical. You can answer.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. You really think that?

A. I handled these objections -- I handled these complaints expeditiously and satisfactorily. I can't imagine why anyone would not be -- would not come away from this pleased with what I did since the principals were pleased with what I did.

Q. Do you think they're still pleased today?

A. Well, you got your hands on them, and you got them to ask for \$31 million. Of course not.

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

THE WITNESS: They were content. They wrote -- they signed agreements that this was fine.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. You think I called them to sign them up for their cases? That's how you think it works?
- A. I don't know what happened. \$31 million will certainly influence a lot of people's memories, including yours. How much are you getting, 14 million out of it, 13 million? Good amount, Mr. --

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- Q. Mr. Pipes, if you wanna pay me 14 million, that's fine, but I can assure you I will never get \$14 million out of this case or anything --
- A. We can agree on that, Mr. Carson. You're not gonna get --
- Q. I think we can. Off the record I can tell you what I really think about that, but, anyway, let's keep going. So one of the things that Lisa writes in this email to you is that she would be willing to participate in any investigation of Gregg Roman, correct?
 - A. Where?
- Q. Just take a minute and read. Do you see what I highlighted there?

MR. CAVALIER: Seth, I'd ask, if you're gonna ask about a sentence referencing aforementioned instances, that you position the document so that we can see the aforementioned instances.

MR. CARSON: We just read the rest of the document. I just got done scrolling down. It's the same email we're talking about the last hour.

MR. CAVALIER: If you're gonna ask him

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- Q. -- need me to scroll back up, let me know, but I'm also talking about this. It says, "I am satisfied with the speed of the inquiry yet disappointed in the discovery aspect of the incident. I will, as requested, submit a separate detailed description of the events that occurred on March 14 in addition to all corroborating evidence." So she does tell you that she's willing to continue to help you corroborate the allegations made, right? It's what she said. It's what the document says.
 - A. Yeah.
- Q. But there was no investigation done after this letter was sent, correct?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Did you investigate anything after this letter? Remember, it's dated November 4th.
 - A. The issue was closed.
- Q. The issue was closed. That's right.
 Okay. We can move on to the next exhibit. Where

are we? All right. So, just to round it out, I

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won't spend a lot of time on it because I'm sure you'll get questions on it from another lawyer at some point. So exhibit number -- I don't know what number we're on.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sorry, counsel. We are -- I'm at Pipes-8. So we just finished Pipes-7, which were pages five through seven of the large Bates-marked document.

MR. CARSON: All right. So 11 -- the next one will be 11 -- 11 through 15, I guess.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. Thank you. And we'll mark it as Pipes-8 for exhibition.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. All right. So this is an email. This is the same email that we already looked at for the other two women. He sent it at 11:34 where you talk about the investigation you did yesterday. Do you recall that?
 - A. I don't recall it, but I see it.
 - Q. I'm sorry?
 - A. I don't recall it, but I see it.
- Q. Wait. What don't -- you don't recall -- remember we talked -- you sent this one to Lisa and

24 Tricia, too?

A. I agree. I see it, yes.

Q. Okay. And you sent them all at 11:34. This one says 11:34, too, and that's a.m., correct?

A. It's a.m., yup.

- Q. Okay. And then Marnie responds, right, and she's worried about Gregg having access to emails and passwords. Do you see that?
 - A. Yep.
- Q. And then, down here -- this is part of the same exhibit -- it's a memorandum. Now, I think that this is a memorandum that you sent to the entire office. This looks like one of those things where you have like a group email. Is that what this is?
 - A. Yep.
 - Q. Can you speak up, please, Mr. Pipes?
- A. Yes, yes.
- Q. And this email is -- looks like it was sent on November 4th and -- "I am again addressing this memo to everyone who works at MEF," and, basically, you're announcing the staff meeting that occurred on November 5th, 2018, right?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And Gregg Roman was initially invited to

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that meeting, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And then you disinvited him when you realized it would make the women uncomfortable?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you, Mr. Pipes.

THE WITNESS: Legal privilege.

THE COURT REPORTER: What was that?

THE WITNESS: Legal privilege.

MR. CAVALIER: You're saying the reason that you disinvited Gregg Roman has to do with legal, so we're gonna object to that and not answer the question under --

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. No. I think what you're trying to say is Marc told you, but I'm not asking what Marc told you. I'm asking, why did you decide not to -- if the only answer is that you're following the advice of counsel, I guess you don't have to answer, but I'll ask this for the record: Why did you tell Gregg not to come to the meeting?

MR CAVALIER: We're gonna assert to

MR. CAVALIER: We're gonna assert to privilege to that, Seth.

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| 1 | MR. CARSON: Well, he has to decide | 1 | can move on. |
| 2 | whether that's true. | 2 | MR. CAVALIER: Okay. |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: Yeah, legal privilege. | 3 | THE WITNESS: Give me a moment. Give me a |
| 4 | BY MR. CARSON: | 4 | moment. |
| 5 | Q. Did you think it was appropriate to invite | 5 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 6 7 | him in the first place? | 7 | Q. Go ahead. |
| 8 | A. Legal privilege. | 8 | A. I initially invited him go back to that |
| 9 | Q. That's not legally privileged. I'm not asking about any communication between you and | 9 | memo. The key section here was, "I am sending you a |
| 10 | counsel. | 10 | new NDA," and I included Gregg because I wanted him to sign the NDA. I actually never had any intention |
| 11 | A. Yeah, it was. | 11 | of his appearing, but I did want to get his NDA, |
| 12 | Q. Well, it was appropriate? | 12 | and, therefore, I made it seem to him that he was |
| 13 | A. This was these decisions to invite him | 13 | coming so it made it more likely he would sign it, |
| 14 | and then not to invite him | 14 | but I had no intention of his being there. |
| 15 | Q. We can't hear you, Mr. Pipes. | 15 | Q. Wasn't it already signed? |
| 16 | A. The decisions to invite him and then not | 16 | A. No. There wasn't clear that no, didn't |
| 17 | to invite him were based on conversations with Marc | 17 | happen. |
| 18 | | 18 | Q. Didn't you send an email to everyone |
| 19 | Q. I'm asking in your opinion. You're the | 19 | saying he's no longer coming anymore? |
| 20 | director of the Middle East Forum. It's your job to | 20 | A. Yes, subsequently, when he did sign it. |
| 21 | enforce MEF policy, especially their | 21 | Q. Mr. Pipes, I'm gonna move on. The the |
| 22 | anti-discrimination policy. So I'm asking, based on | 22 | next exhibit I'll show you is so, I guess, since |
| 23 | that, do you think it's appropriate to make the | 23 | you brought up the NDA, I'll just why did you |
| 24 | | 24 | want everyone to sign an NDA before the |
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Q. Do you know what you guys were talking about in this here? I think it's trying to figure out -- I'll bring your attention to this.

- A. Self-explanatory, no?
- Q. Well, it says, "Marnie, Marc, and I have been working on this." Do you know what "this" is when you guys -- what "this" is there?
- A. Well, it says the letter to GR, new terms of employment.
- Q. So that was like trying to figure out what his terms of employment would be post November 5th, 2018?
- A. And I discussed it with various people, including --
- Q. No. It wasn't a real question that time. I just didn't know. Thank you, though.
 - A. Marnie was part of the discussion.
- Q. All right. So I'll wait to do that. Did you ever take Gregg Roman's key away from him?
 - A. Personally, no, but someone did.
 - Q. How does that work? Like is there actually -- like I don't have a key to my office. I have like a card that gets me in everywhere. Do you have cards, or do you have like a physical key that

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you took from him?

A. Card. Card was taken from him.

Q. So was Gregg Roman's privileges to come to the office like physically taken away, as in, if he wanted to come, he wouldn't have been able to because he didn't have a key or card anymore; is that right?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Yeah?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. When did that happen?
 - A. Immediately.
 - Q. Do you know who did that?

THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't catch what

Mr. --

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Daniel, I think the court reporter is having a tough time hearing you.
- A. Marnie, I believe, is head of human resources.
- Q. So Marnie would've done that, the actual -- physically making sure he doesn't have access anymore?
 - A. I believe so.

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Q. Do you know for a fact that Gregg ever lost his key and his card? Strike that. Do you know for a fact that Gregg Roman's key and card were actually physically taken away from him?

- A. Yes.
- Q. How do you know that?

A. He -- I was told that -- I asked for it to be handed in, and it was handed in.

- Q. Marnie Meyer told you that?
- A. I can't be specific. It's two years ago.

I know, to my satisfaction, his key was removed, and when he did come to the office to take away his personal effects, I was there, went downstairs and let him in, and watched as he packed up and took his stuff out.

Q. All right. So I guess I will show it to you. So the next document is 17. It's right here. We're on it now. So 17 and, I guess, 18 will be a document, and this document is dated March 11th, and it's from Tricia McNulty. So you testified earlier that Ms. McNulty was happy to have Gregg come back; is that correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. Did Ms. McNulty or Ms. Barbounis or anyone

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want conditions on that, on him coming back?

- A. Yeah. They reiterated the conditions that we had agreed on.
- Q. Okay. And so then, I guess, based on that, I think this is what we're talking about. Can you just review this -- this email? Just let me know when you're done.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. All right. So this is an email that
 Ms. McNulty sent you on March 11, 2019; is that
 correct?
 - A. That's what it says.
 - Q. And do you remember receiving this email?
 - A. I do not.
 - Q. But you did receive it?
 - A. I assume it's valid, yeah.
 - Q. Okay. And I'll represent to you it was produced by your lawyers and was marked by your attorneys D0000017. And it says, "My understanding of the meeting outcome is that Gregg will serve as the Forum's director once again with certain parameters in place. At a minimum, the first six months will essentially be a probationary period with Daniel looking over Gregg's shoulder to be sure

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| 1 | no impropriation are being made ". So Mg. McNulty. | 1 | at any time should they wish to raise concerns and |
| 2 | no improprieties are being made." So Ms. McNulty said she allowed for him to return as long as | 2 | that, unlike before, there can be no directive to |
| 3 | certain parameters remained in place, correct? | 3 | discuss anything with Daniel," right? |
| 4 | A. Yep. | 4 | A. Yup, that's what it says. |
| 5 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 5 | Q. Sorry. Can you say that louder? |
| 6 | BY MR. CARSON: | 6 | A. That's what it says. |
| 7 | Q. She she acquiesced to his return as | 7 | Q. So, again, it references that, before, |
| 8 | long as certain parameters were in place, correct? | 8 | Gregg Roman maintained a policy where people weren't |
| 9 | A. No. | 9 | allowed to come to you, right? |
| 10 | Q. What do you mean, no? | 10 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to |
| 11 | A. The verb "acquiesce". | 11 | the categorization. |
| 12 | Q. What's the word you would use? | 12 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 13 | A. Look at No. 2: "I think there should be | 13 | Q. Well, that's what she's talking about, |
| 14 | no problem with Gregg being in the office." That | 14 | correct? |
| 15 | was not an acquiescence. That was an agreement. | 15 | A. That is what she's saying, yes. |
| 16 | | 16 | Q. Did you disagree that he did that? Did he |
| 17 | long as certain parameters remained in place, right? | 17 | ever disagree he did that? |
| 18 | A. Right. | 18 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 19 | Q. Okay. We'll use the word "agreement". | 19 | THE WITNESS: All I know is they did come |
| 20 | And one of those parameters was that it be a | 20 | to me, and I acted promptly and effectively, so |
| 21 | probationary period, right? | 21 | this whole thing doesn't make much sense to me. |
| 22 | A. Right. | 22 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 23 | Q. And | 23 | Q. Did you |
| 24 | A. All this confirms the discussion we had on | 24 | A. They did come, and they got the relief |
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| 1 | the 9th of March. This is not breaking ground; this | 1 | they sought. |
| 2 | is confirming the points we | 2 | Q. Did you know that Gregg Roman dissuaded |
| 3 | Q. Can you speak up just a little? | 3 | employees from going to you before November 1st, |
| 4 | A the points that Gregg had agreed upon | 4 | 2018? |
| 5 | as well at the meeting. He was there at that | 5 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Lack of |
| 6 | meeting on March 9th. We all agreed. | 6 | foundation. |
| 7 | Q. Where was the meeting on March 9th? | 7 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 8 | A. At the office. | 8 | Q. Did you know that he did that? |
| 9 | Q. It was in your office? | 9 | A. Well, I didn't know that there were |
| 10 | A. The Middle East Forum office, yes. | 10 | allegations that he did that. Whether he did it or |
| 11 | Q. In the what? | 11 | not, I don't know, but there were definitely |
| 12 | A. Middle East Forum office, yes. | 12 | allegations that he told staff to bring their |
| 13 | Q. Middle East Forum office, okay. And | 13 14 | complaints to him and not to me. |
| 14 | and who was at that meeting? Was it you, Gregg, | | Q. Well, did you ever talk to him about it? |
| 15 | Lisa, Patricia, Marc? | 15 | A. I don't remember. What I did make clear |
| 16 17 | A. Marnie, Thelma. I forget whether it was | 16 17 | is that, henceforth, you are welcome to tell me |
| 17 | Delaney or Caitriona. One of them was there, and | | said it again, and, indeed, Tricia's note reflects |
| 18 19 | one wasn't. | 18 19 | that that, in the future, we are free to come to |
| 20 | Q. Okay. | 20 | you. O Did you make it clear to Grage Reman that |
| | A. Matt was there. Essentially, everyone | | Q. Did you make it clear to Gregg Roman that |
| 21 22 | except either Caitriona or Delaney was not there, | 21 | he wasn't permitted to do that anymore? |
| 23 | and Marc was on the telephone. | 23 | A. Definitely. Well, I mean, I don't know if |
| | Q. Okay. So it says, "Gregg knows that those in the office are allowed to talk to Daniel directly. | 24 | he ever did, but definitely he couldn't do that in |

in the office are allowed to talk to Daniel directly

Page 257 Page 259 starting in November. Everything changed concerning BY MR. CARSON: Gregg. He was no longer in the office, no longer 2 Q. You think that's a minor detail? 3 managing the office --A. That was a minor detail in the whole Q. It was just a yes or no question, 4 panoply of complaints. That was one of many Mr. Pipes. I asked, did you make it clear to Gregg complaints against Gregg. Roman that he could not tell employees that they 6 Q. Well, couldn't that explain why no one came to you for eight months? You keep talking weren't allowed to come to you? 7 about how -- I don't know why they didn't come to me MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 8 for eight months. I can't believe they didn't come THE WITNESS: I will answer as I see fit. 9 to me for eight months. So, in that context, it's 10 BY MR. CARSON: not very minor if there was a policy that they 11 Q. It's just -- did you ever talk to him about it? It's a simple question. weren't allowed to go to you, right? 12 A. I will answer as I see fit, and I did. 13 A. No. 13 Q. Can you please say yes or no as part of 14 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 14 15 THE WITNESS: Makes no sense. First of 15 MR. CAVALIER: He already did. 16 all, they knew from me that my door was open, I 16 THE WITNESS: -- answer as I see fit. 17 wanted no surprises, and, secondly, they did 18 BY MR. CARSON: 18 come to me, and they got satisfaction. Q. Well, I didn't hear you. Was your answer 19 BY MR. CARSON: 19 yes or no to that? 20 Q. Okay. They got satisfaction until I 20 21 called them and started a conspiracy against your A. You're not gonna tell me how to answer. 21 22 business, right? 22 Q. I didn't hear --23 A. Thank you for acknowledging that. 23 24 Q. That's what you think happened, right? 24 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) Page 258 Page 260 1 1 A. Yeah. 2 BY MR. CARSON: Q. That's what you believe, right? 3 A. Yeah. \$17 million divided four, five ways Q. Did you say yes or no to that question? A. I didn't answer that question. I already is a lot of money. 5 answered ---5 Q. Did you ever threaten Lisa Barbounis with 6 6 Q. Okay. So can we try to answer that a RICO case? question, then? Did you ever talk to Gregg Roman 7 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. about that? Did you ever tell him, hey, I don't 8 THE WITNESS: I'm glad you raised that. know whether you did this in the past, but, going 9 forward, you can't do that anymore? Did you ever 10 10 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) say that? 11 11 12 12 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form, but you can THE WITNESS: -- explain what happened, and you're just gonna have to listen to me. 13 answer that question, Daniel. 13 THE WITNESS: That's too specific. I do 14 14 BY MR. CARSON: 15 not know what -- I do not remember what exactly 15 O. I will --16 I said. I do know that I told him that this A. I did not --16 was -- your management of the office personnel 17 17 Q. I will allow you to explain, but can you please say yes or no as part of your answer? Did 18 was terrible. You're not gonna happen --18

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you're not gonna be managing it henceforth.

possibility of his telling anyone not to talk

larger picture. Whether I brought up that

to me, but that was a minor detail of a much

minor detail specifically or not, I don't know.

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you ever --

A. No, I did not. Let me explain.

A. We met twice on October 12th and October

Q. Okay. Go ahead.

Q. Speak up a little, please.

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A. And that first time I referenced the RICO case. She expressed complete ignorance of it. So the second time, on October 14th, I brought with me a printout of the letter that you received, Mr. Carson, and presumably had passed on to your client, dated September 29th, informing you of the RICO case. I did not threaten her with it. I informed her, since you apparently did not, that

there's a RICO case that had been initiated against her. So, no, there was no threat. It was 11 information, strange information that I should have

to provide to her since the letter went to you and,

13 presumably, you received it, and you didn't pass it on to her. So, no, there was no threat whatsoever. 14

All I said was, this is underway. I hope we can reconcile our differences so that this can -- this

and everything else can be stopped. She knew about

18 the employment claim; she knew about the

counterclaim: she knew about the trade secrets 19

claim. She did not know about the RICO claim. Therefore, I thought it would be useful for her to 21

know about that. That she portrayed it to you as a

23 threat shows, once again, her -- how shall I put

it -- lack of veracity. There was no threat. It

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was informational. Here, Lisa, is the letter that was sent about two weeks ago to your counsel, which, for some reason, he didn't make available to you,

and then she portrayed that as a threat. No. No threat. But I said, if we don't quit, we will have to go forward with it, and I don't wanna. I'd

rather bury this whole thing. We can do this now, you and I. She said no. She can -- subsequently,

she wrote me and said, no, she's gonna continue with

it. So we are continuing with it as well.

Q. Did you use the word "scuttle"? Did you sav vou'd scuttle the RICO case?

A. I do not remember what verbs I used. I can tell you that I suggested that if we reached an agreement between her and the Middle East Forum, all these cases would be closed, including three that I mentioned and the fourth -- the three that she knew about and the fourth that she did not know about.

Q. So you asked Ms. McNulty and Ms. Barbounis to send you an email saying that it was okay if Gregg came back to the Forum, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

23 BY MR. CARSON:

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Q. You requested that email, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: No, I did not.

3 BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Did you request the email? Did you ask them to confirm with you that Gregg could come back?

7 Q. You never said to them, hey, I need you guys to send me an email if he's gonna come back? You gotta send me an email saying that.

A. No.

Q. So your testimony is that they unilaterally both decided to send you an email confirming that it was okay if he came back on their own?

A. No.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

BY MR. CAVALIER:

Q. Well, which one is it?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Mr. Carson, if you look in front of you, it says, from Marc Fink. It's not from me.

23 BY MR. CARSON:

Q. I wasn't referencing anything right now.

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I was just asking you a question.

A. You, you, you, you. No, it wasn't me.

Q. I was talking about this one, actually, the email that she sent on March 11th. That was after a meeting you held on March 9th, right?

A. I believe it's addressed to Marc Fink, not to me.

Q. Right, okay, and you're cc'd on it, right?

A. I was cc'd.

Q. And she's saying -- she's confirming a meeting, right?

A. Mm-hmm.

Q. So isn't it true that she was asked to send this email and that Lisa was asked to send a similar email?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Thank you. All right. So the next exhibit will be -- do you think Ms. Barbounis has stolen anything from you?

A. Yes.

Q. What?

A. Trade secrets.

Q. What are the trade secrets you think she

24 stole?

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A. A donor list, Middle East Forum internal discussions, Forum projects. I don't know what 3 else. 4 Q. Please just talk a little louder. So when

you say "a donor list," what do you mean by that, you know? Like what -- like you think she still has a list of donors' names? Is that what you're saying?

MR. CAVALIER: Seth -- one second, Daniel, before you answer -- you're going off into another case.

MR. CARSON: No, I'm not. You guys have a counterclaim in this case that's based on this

MR. CAVALIER: To the extent you stay within this case, we'll let you go. I just wanted to let you know that I don't wanna get into a full-blown discussion of --

MR. CARSON: Yeah, I don't either. I have two more hours -- two and a half more hours, whatever it is, so I'm trying to --

MR. CAVALIER: All right. So long as we're on the same page, I'll certainly grant you a little leeway.

she sent information from our donor list to at least one other nonprofit looking to raise funds.

Q. Who?

4 A. Amy Mekelburg. And we know that she used our information to try and help the Rebel to raise money from --

Q. What's a Rebel?

A. It's a media organization in Canada.

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Are you talking about Tommy Robinson?

A. No, no.

O. Okay.

A. We have reason to believe -- we have specifics that she used information of ours to help, and perhaps herself, gain income by helping other nonprofits. So, no, the fact that I have not heard from donors saying, oh, Lisa contacted me, no, that wasn't the issue. The issue was that she was giving it to others, and others would use it, and our donors know that Amy Mekelburg got their names from

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BY MR. CARSON:

Q. So -- [unintelligible] -- you think she has a list of the names and donors' names and phone numbers? What're we talking about?

A. Yes.

Q. Has any of these donors ever told you that she contacted them?

A. No.

Q. So if she had a list of donors that just happen to be on a hard drive somewhere and she never contacted them, do you have a problem with that?

A. Yes.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Do you think that she did something wrong if she -- she did work with the donor list when she worked with the Middle East Forum, right?

A. Yes.

Q. That was a yes, right?

A. Yes.

Q. You think she ever stole anything else besides donor list?

A. Well, let's not leave that subject yet.

We know that she sent it to at least one other -

Q. Well, do you know if Amy Mekelburg ever tried to contact a donor?

information to Amy Mekelburg, and that is stealing.

A. I don't. I know that Lisa gave our

Q. What information do you think she gave?

A. Our donor list.

Q. You think she sent a donor list to Amy Mekelburg?

A. I do.

Q. Do you think she stole anything else?

A. She stole media contacts.

O. What media contacts?

That was her job, to deal with the media.

O. What media contacts did she steal?

A. She stole the list of media contacts.

Q. That's your information? Other people's contact information belongs to you?

A. Of course. When it's put together into a list, it becomes privileged trade secret information.

Q. A list of public information about contacts in the media is trade secrets?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to the characterization of the document. Object to

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| 1 | form. | 1 | |
| 2 | THE WITNESS: Same goes with the donors. | 2 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 3 | The donors are generally not secret, but | 3 | Q. What's your counterclaim, Mr. Pipes? Why |
| 4 | knowing who to go to and what their views are | 4 | did you counterclaim in this case? |
| 5 | and what their positions are. Likewise, with | 5 | MR. CAVALIER: Seth, he if you can |
| 6 | the media, to know who to go to at a | 6 | answer that off the top of your head, Daniel. |
| 7 | publication or television station is, yeah, | 7 | THE WITNESS: I can. I'm |
| 8 | important information [inaudible] and she took | 8 | MR. CAVALIER: Go for it. |
| 9 | that from us. | 9 | THE WITNESS: I'm here to discuss my being |
| 10 | BY MR. CARSON: | 10 | the head of the Forum, my being Gregg's |
| 11 | Q. You think that you own information about | 11 | supervisor. I am not prepared to talk about |
| 12 | how to contact TV stations and newspapers? That's | 12 | the counterclaim. |
| 13 | your | 13 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 14 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to the | 14 | Q. It doesn't matter whether you're prepared. |
| 15 | categorization of the testimony. And, Seth, by | 15 | That's not my problem, Mr. Pipes. We're gonna talk |
| 16 | the way, I gave you a little leeway, but I just | 16 | about this because it's your counterclaim, and |
| 17 | wanna remind you the trade secret issues are in | 17 | unless you're gonna agree that we can do another |
| 18 | a separate | 18 | deposition, talk about the counterclaim |
| 19 | | 19 | MR. CAVALIER: To be clear, we are you |
| 20 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 20 | can ask whatever you want about the |
| 21 | | 21 | counterclaims, but they are the trade |
| 22 | MR. CAVALIER: There are no counterclaims | 22 | secrets theft allegations are not part of these |
| 23 | about any theft in this case. [Inaudible] | 23 | counterclaims. It's a totally separate case. |
| 24 | trade secrets. | 24 | MR. CARSON: Read your counterclaim a |
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| 2 | Q. So you think that Ms. Barbounis broke the | 2 | A. Danny Thomas. |
| 3 | law because she didn't tell you about \$7,500? Is | 3 | Q. Do you know whether Danny Thomas actually took the money? |
| 4 | that what you think? | 4 | A. Yes. We were told. He admitted it. |
| 5 | MR. CAVALIER: I'll object to the form. THE WITNESS: I don't know if it's | 5 | |
| 6 | | 6 | Q. He admitted it? Is that your testimony? A. I believe so. |
| 7 | breaking the law or not. BY MR. CARSON: | 7 | |
| 8 | Q. Well, you sued her and accused her of | 8 | Q. Did he also say whether Gregg Roman offered to pay him money for admitting it? |
| 9 | | 9 | A. He did not say that. |
| 10 | breaking the law, right? MR. CAVALIER: Again, object to the form. | 10 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 11 | I think you're confusing the difference between | 11 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 12 | criminal law and a civil violation. | 12 | |
| 13 | BY MR. CARSON: | 13 | Q. Did you ever listen to a recording where he said that? |
| 14 | | 14 | |
| 15 | Q. Do you know the difference between criminal law and a civil violation? | 15 | A. I listened to a recording, and he did not |
| 16 | A. I do. | 16 | say that. Q. Oh, he didn't? |
| 17 | | 17 | A. He didn't. |
| 18 | Q. So sorry. What was your answer? | 18 | |
| 19 | A. I do, yes. | 19 | Q. Do you wanna listen to it right now? A. Sure. |
| 20 | Q. You understand that when I say "break the | 20 | A. Suie. |
| 21 | law," I'm I've said it many times today. Gregg Roman broke the law when he violated Title VII in | 21 | (Wharaynan audio recording was played) |
| 22 | | 22 | (Whereupon audio recording was played.) |
| 23 | the [unintelligible] Philadelphia Fair Practice Ordinance. You're accusing Ms. Barbounis of | 23 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 24 | breaking the law by violating the duty of loyalty. | 24 | Q. You heard him just say, "So Gregg |
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| 1 | Do you understand that? | 1 | contacted me," correct? |
| 2 | A. Okay. | 2 | MR. CAVALIER: I'm gonna object to the |
| 3 | Q. So why do you think Ms. Barbounis | 3 | fact that that sounds incomprehensible to me, |
| 4 | violated what's her duty of loyalty? What | 4 | but to the extent |
| 5 | | 5 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 6 | A. She knew about the theft of the \$7,000 and | 6 | Q. You heard him just say, "So Gregg |
| 7 | didn't report it. | 7 | contacted me," correct? |
| 8 | Q. Why do you think she knew about it? | 8 | A. I heard those words spoken. I don't know |
| 9 | A. Because we have texts between her and | 9 | who spoke them. |
| 10 | others that indicate that. | 10 | Q. Okay. |
| 11 | Q. Do you know if \$7,000 was ever really | 11 | |
| 12 | stolen from you? | 12 | (Whereupon audio recording was played.) |
| 13 | A. We have her text to tell us that as well | 13 | |
| 14 | as other people's information. | 14 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 15 | Q. Have you ever confirmed whether that money | 15 | Q. "He gave me a little wink and said, 'When |
| 16 | was ever really stolen from you? | 16 | this is all over" "He said, 'Help us do |
| 17 | A. It was stolen in the sense that it was | 17 | this" so did you ever hear that recording |
| 18 | meant for one purpose and used for another. | 18 | before? |
| 19 | | 19 | MR. CAVALIER: Again, I'm just gonna |
| 20 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 20 | object to the fact that I find it |
| 21 | | 21 | incomprehensible but |
| 22 | BY MR. CARSON: | 22 | BY MR. CARSON: |
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| 23 | O. What purpose was it used who stole the | 23 | O. Did you ever hear that recording before? |
| 23 24 | Q. What purpose was it used who stole the money? | 23 24 | Q. Did you ever hear that recording before?A. I did not. |

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| cuit: Like do you tillik that's credible: | oney to be returned? |
| A. I have no idea who's speaking, and I don't A. No. | D 771 |
| | Danny Thomas never really |
| | there anything that Lisa did |
| 8 credibility, Mr. Pipes. | |
| 9 A. I didn't even understand half of it, so 9 MR. CAVALI | ER: Object to the hypothetical, |
| provide a transcript, and let's go over it. | 1. |
| Q. We'd be happy 11 BY MR. CARSON: | |
| 12 Q. I mean, it's th | e basis for your |
| (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 13 counterclaim is that i | money was stolen from you, |
| 14 right? | • |
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| | s anyone ever provided evidence |
| 23 A. No. 23 of that? | |
| | ER: Object to form. |
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| 1 money? 1 BY MR. CARSON: | |
| 2 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 2 Q. What was that | evidence? |
| THE WITNESS: No. 3 A. The many texts | s going back and forth |
| 4 BY MR. CARSON: 4 between him and Lisa, | , maybe others, about this |
| Q. Why if you think he stole money from 5 misappropriated mone | ey. |
| | g about the texts where he |
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| 1 | supposedly stolen? | 1 | \$7,000? |
| 2 | A. \$7,000. | 2 | MR. CAVALIER: Gonna object as asked and |
| 3 | Q. You saw text messages where they're | 3 | answered. |
| 4 | talking about \$7,000, and they both are agreeing | 4 | THE WITNESS: Provide me the documents, |
| 5 | that he took the money? | 5 | and I will then tell you give you an answer, |
| 6 | A. I believe so. Be happy to find you the | 6 | but I can't |
| 7 | Q. Yeah, no. Please, I would ask, if you | 7 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 8 | have those text messages, I'd ask you to please | 8 | Q. What document should I provide you that |
| 9 | produce them. | 9 | will help you answer that question? |
| 10 | A. Okay. | 10 | A. Counterclaim. Provide me with the |
| 11 | Q. Because I've never seen a text message | 11 | counterclaim. |
| 12 | like that. | 12 | Q. It's your counterclaim. |
| 13 | A. Okay. | 13 | A. Right, but I |
| 14 | Q. I'll move on. Is that the only basis of | 14 | Q. You want me to show you your counterclaim |
| 15 | your counterclaim is this \$7,000? | 15 | so you can answer a question about your |
| 16 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to the form and the | 16 | counterclaim? |
| 17 | characterization of the counterclaim. | 17 | A. I did not memorize it. It's a long, |
| 18 | MR. CARSON: I'm asking what the basis of | 18 | complicated document with many legal aspects which I |
| 19 | it is. | 19 | cannot recite to you. |
| 20 | MR. CAVALIER: You're asking him what the | 20 | Q. So, sitting here right now, you don't know |
| 21 | basis of the counterclaim is. That involves | 21 | of any other basis for the counterclaim other than |
| 22 | all kinds of legal conclusions and analysis. | 22 | the 7,000 |
| 23 | If you wanna | 23 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to |
| 24 | | 24 | the miscategorization of testimony. He's |
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| 1 | what I can speak about with confidence. The | 1 | THE WITNESS: She appeared in photographs |
| 2 | counterclaim I'm not prepared to talk about. | 2 | and in other media in Britain being part of the |
| 3 | Q. Lisa Barbounis had your permission to work | 3 | Tommy Robinson campaign. They didn't care |
| 4 | with Tommy Robinson, correct, on her own time? | 4 | whether she was paid or not, and I don't care |
| 5 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 5 | if she was paid or not. I care |
| 6 | THE WITNESS: When? | 6 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 7 | MR. CAVALIER: date range on that? | 7 | Q. I can't hear you. |
| 8 | BY MR. CARSON: | 8 | A. It didn't matter that she was paid or not. |
| 9 | Q. Anytime. She had your permission at | 9 | It mattered that she was portrayed in British |
| 10 | sometime in your life to work with Tommy Robinson? | 10 | media prominent British media as part of the |
| 11 | A. Until she abused it, yes. | 11 | Tommy Robinson campaign. |
| 12 | Q. You said to her, you can do what you want | 12 | Q. But at the time that those pictures were |
| 13 | on your own time, right? | 13 | taken, she did have your permission to be there, |
| 14 | A. Until she abused that, and then I took it | 14 | right? |
| 15 | away. | 15 | A. She had my permission to be there. She |
| 16 | Q. You actually said to her, I'm hesitant to | 16 | did not have my permission to be engaged in the |
| 17 | tell you what to do on your own time. You can do | 17 | campaign and to be publicly associated with the |
| 18 | what you like, right? | 18 | campaign as a Middle East Forum employee. |
| 19 | A. Until she abused that, and I took it away. | 19 | Q. Right, but she did have your permission to |
| 20 | Q. Is there any basis is there any policy | 20 | do that on her own time at that time? |
| 21 | in the Middle East Forum maintained that an employee | 21 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 22 | of the Middle East Forum isn't allowed to have a | 22 | THE WITNESS: I don't know which time |
| 23 | | 23 | you're speaking about |
| 24 | A. No, but there is a policy that we cannot | 24 | |
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| 1 | be involved in politics, and when British media | 1 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 2 | portray a Middle East Forum employee as working on | 2 | |
| 3 | the Tommy Robinson campaign, red lights go off all | 3 | THE WITNESS: I don't remember |
| 4 | over the place, and I had to stop that. | 4 | [inaudible] was before or after, but, |
| 5 | Q. So but she's allowed to work on | 5 | initially, she had it, and then I took it away. |
| 6 | politics as long as it's not related to her job at | 6 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 7 | the Middle East Forum, right? | 7 | Q. But the problem you had with her is that |
| 8 | A. That was the initial point. Later, I said | 8 | her picture was taken, and you were worried about |
| 9 | you gotta stop it entirely because you've crossed | 9 | the exposure it might have or the blowback it might |
| 10 | the line. | 10 | have on the Middle East Forum, correct? |
| 11 | Q. And after you said that she has to | 11 | A. No. |
| 12 | well, when did you say she has to stop it entirely? | 12 | Q. Okay. Then what were you worried about? |
| 13 | A. You have the dates. Sometime | 13 | A. Legal consequences. |
| 14 | Q. You know when? | 14 | Q. The blowback, the aren't we saying the |
| 15 | A. I don't remember the exact date, but in | 15 | same thing, Mr. Pipes? |
| 16 | the spring of 2019. | 16 | A. I don't know what "blowback" means. I |
| 17 | Q. Do you know if she ever was paid by Tommy | 17 | know that this is legally unacceptable for us to |
| 18 | Robinson? | 18 | Q. Blowback, consequences, repercussions. |
| 19 | A. I do not. | 19 | All means the same thing. So would you like me to |
| 20 | Q. Sorry? I didn't hear you. | 20 | use the word "consequences"? Were you worried about |
| 21 | A. No, I don't know. | 21 | the consequences that her picture in the paper might |
| 22 | Q. She just did some volunteer work for the | 22 | have? I think it was The Guardian, correct? |
| 23 | guy, right? | 23 | A. I believe so. |
| 24 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 24 | Q. So you were worried about the consequences |

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Q. Because you were worried about her being there and associated with the Middle East Forum, she

was saying, hey, I was just there with my kids?

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Page 289 Page 291 that picture might have on the Middle East Forum; is 1 that right? 2 2 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 3 A. Correct. 3 Q. But at the time that picture was taken, 4 4 THE WITNESS: No. She lied to me. The she did have your permission to work with him on her 5 first time she -- let me finish. The first lie 6 own time, right? was to tell me that she went to Britain with 7 7 A. I'm not sure. her children, and her second lie was to tell, 8 Q. Did you fire her after that? 8 subsequently, that I agreed to that lie, that I A. I never fired her. 9 9 was in on that lie with her. 10 Q. Sorry? BY MR. CARSON: 11 11 A. I never fired her. Q. Well, maybe she thought you knew that she Q. Right. You knew that the picture was 12 wasn't there with her kids, right? 12 taken, you talked to her about it, and she continued 13 A. Didn't know that. She knew that she lied 13 her employment thereafter, correct? to me about taking her children, and then she 14 14 A. She continued her employment, and then she pretended that I had agreed to that lie, that I 15 continued her working with Tommy Robinson against my connived in that lie with her, that I was party to wishes. that lie, so a double lie. First, the children, and 17 18 Q. But are you -then my agreements. Lies, lies, lies. Your clients 19 A. -- so far as to lie to me -- let me 19 tell lies, Mr. Carson. finish. She went so far as to lie to me that she 20 Q. Mr. Pipes, have you counted the number of 20 inconsistencies in your testimony today? took her children to Britain when she didn't, and 21 21 22 then she lied further and pretended that I'd agreed MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Daniel, 23 23 with her and connived with her to say that she'd you don't have to answer that. taken her children to Britain when she --24 BY MR. CARSON: Page 290 Page 292 Q. You don't have to answer that, but I'd be 1 Q. We can't hear you. 2 A. -- when I had -careful telling other people that they're lying. So let's just keep going. Speaking of lies -- all 3 MR. CARSON: Can you hear him? right. So let's look at a document that's dated --4 THE COURT REPORTER: Little bit. BY MR. CARSON: it's gonna be 21 and 22 and 23, all right? And I 6 Q. Mr. Pipes, it's really hard to hear you forgot we're on a screen share, so that's all the today. Like you have to just speak up and talk discovery. All right. So 22, 23. All right, loud. I don't know what else to tell you. It's ready? Here is Document No. 22. Do you see when literally almost impossible to hear what you're this email was sent? It was -- here's a date right saying. You were talking about a picture that was 10 here. taken, and then you were talking about Ms. Barbounis 11 A. Yep. 12 telling you that she was there with her kids, right? Q. That's after November 5th, 2018, right? 13 A. Right. 13 A. Right. Q. Yes? 14 Q. It's afterwards, right? And it's from 15 Tricia to you, correct? 15 A. Yes. Q. Okay. So wasn't she telling you that to 16 A. Yup. 16 give the Middle East Forum cover to help the Middle 17 Q. You wanna take a minute and read this? 17 18 East Forum? 18 A. Okay. Okay. 19 Q. So these are complaints about Gregg Roman 19 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 20 20 made after November 5th, 2018, correct? THE WITNESS: No. BY MR. CARSON: A. Correct.

Q. Didn't you testify there were none?

Q. Didn't you specifically testify there were

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A. Correct.

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| | 1 agc 273 | | 1 agc 273 |
| 1 | absolutely none from Tricia McNulty? | 1 | A. I don't know. |
| 2 | absolutely none from Tricia McNulty? A. Right. | 2 | Q. Don't you find it a little disturbing that |
| 3 | Q. Okay. Well, let's start counting, then, | 3 | when Gregg Roman doesn't know who the person is |
| | since we're gonna talk about this next. So number | 4 | who's alleging the harassment, he guesses and gets |
| I | one would be the April 23rd, 2019 email from | 5 | it wrong? |
| I | McNulty, okay? And this email actually has a lot of | 6 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to |
| | complaints in it; it's not just one complaint, | 7 | the mis |
| | right? | 8 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 9 | A. Yep. | 9 | Q. How many women does someone have to harass |
| 10 | Q. It talks about a complaint that Marnie | 10 | where, when someone accuses them of harassment, they |
| | made. It talks about a complaint that Caitriona | 11 | can't even guess the right person? |
| | Brady made, right? | 12 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object as |
| 13 | A. Right. | 13 | argumentative. Daniel, I don't even know if |
| 14 | Q. So what did you do about this? Did you | 14 | that's an actual question, but, to the extent |
| | investigate this? | 15 | it is, you don't have to answer it |
| 16 | A. Yes. | 16 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 17 | | 17 | Q. It's at least two, right? Can't be one, |
| 18 | Q. Did you fire Gregg Roman?A. No. | 18 | correct? |
| 19 | Q. Why not? | 19 | MR. CAVALIER: Object because I don't |
| 20 | A. Why should I? | 20 | understand what the question is. |
| 21 | Q. I don't know. Maybe because retaliation | 21 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| | is against the law, correct? | 22 | Q. Right. In order to not know who the |
| 23 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. You don't | 23 | person is making the allegation of harassment, you'd |
| 24 | have to answer that if you don't want to. | 24 | |
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| 2 | Q. Retaliation is against the law, right? Do | | with the service of the mypointered. |
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Page 297 Page 299 Daniel. Object to form. Object, lack of A. I did not authorize any money going to 2 Gabrielle Bloom. foundation. Object, argumentative. 3 Q. How much money got paid to her? 3 BY MR. CARSON: MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. That's not 4 4 Q. I didn't try to create a foundation. 5 what he said. Whether true or not, that's ten women's names who could possibly be linked to harassment by Gregg 6 BY MR. CARSON: 7 Q. How much money did MEF issue to Ms. Bloom 7 Roman, right? 8 that wasn't on a W-2? MR. CAVALIER: Question you're asking him 9 9 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. is, did you just name ten people? 10 THE WITNESS: I know of no such money. BY MR. CARSON: 11 11 Q. Yes. Did I just name ten women? BY MR. CARSON: 12 A. Yes, and I congratulate you on finding all Q. Sorry? 12 these different women to --A. I know of no such money. 13 13 Q. Well, you did say that you investigated 14 Q. Right, and [unintelligible] --14 whether money went to her, correct? 15 15 A. I don't remember any money going to her. 16 16 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) Q. My question was, did you investigate 17 whether the Middle East Forum issued money to 18 18 THE WITNESS: Let me finish. Gabrielle Bloom? 19 BY MR. CARSON: 19 A. I looked into it and did not find any 20 Q. I said, did I name ten women? That was 20 the question. You said yes. 21 21 22 Q. Did you ever try to call Gabrielle Bloom A. But I get to answer the way I want to 22 to talk to her? 23 23 answer. 24 A. She did not contact me to complain, so, 24 Q. No, actually, you don't. Page 298 Page 300 1 A. You can't stop me. 1 no. 2 Q. That's part of your policy where you won't Q. I asked you if that was ten. Do you wanna investigate anything unless [inaudible] comes to you expand on your answer of whether ten equals ten? Go first, correct? ahead. Tell me what you have to say about the 5 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. number ten. 6 6 THE WITNESS: My concern here, as in other A. [Inaudible]. Very kind of you to allow me 7 cases, was the welfare of the employees who 7 to speak. worked with me -- in this case, Marnie, Matt 8 8 Q. Go ahead, go ahead. A. Yes, and I congratulate you on [inaudible] Bennett, and Tricia McNulty -- and that's who I 9 9 10 bring up against the Forum and Gregg. It was --10 focused on. Q. We can't hear you. 11 BY MR. CARSON: 11 12 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah. Can you start Q. Aren't you concerned when there is --13 let's just count it now, right? There's Patricia 13 your answer again, please, Mr. Pipes? McNulty, right; there's Lisa Barbounis; there's Lea BY MR. CARSON: 14 Merville; there's Delaney Yonchek; there's Caitriona 15 15 Q. We can't hear you at all. Brady; there's Marnie Meyer; there's Tiffany Lee; A. I said fine work, Mr. Carson, on finding 16 16 there's Laura Frank: there's Lara -- we don't know 17 ten women to name as you just did. Q. That's your answer? 18 her last name -- and now there's Gabrielle Bloom; 18 one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, 19 A. That's my answer. nine -- ten women who might have been harassed by 20 Q. You're welcome. Thank you for saying fine work. But the point, Mr. Pipes, is that this is ten Gregg Roman by this point. Whether true or not, that's ten women who may have been harassed by him, names that you are now in possession of. By 22 April 23rd, 2019, you had all ten of these women's 23 correct? 24 names in front of you, right? 24 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Hold on,

Page 301 Page 303 A. No, she's not. A. I'm not sure. 2 2 Q. That's not inappropriate conduct to spread O. Sorry? 3 3 a rumor about someone's father having sex? Nothing A. I'm not sure. I haven't counted them. 4 wrong with that? Q. Well, you definitely had Gabrielle Bloom's name in front of you, right? 5 A. I thought your list was --6 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 6 A. Right. 7 7 THE WITNESS: -- women who allege that Q. Yeah? 8 8 A. Yeah. Gregg had misbehaved with. 9 Q. You had Caitriona Brady's name in front of BY MR. CARSON: 10 you. That name's in this email, correct? Q. Oh. Well, if you want that list, that's fine. We can take two names off, so now we have 11 A. Right. Q. You had -eight women who said that. So you wanna do that? 12 I'm fine with doing that. Let's take off Delaney A. Well, no, no, no. There was no allegation 13 against -- by Caitriona against Gregg, no. Yonchek, and let's take off Caitriona Brady. So now 14 Q. You don't think she's upset that Gregg 15 there's eight women by April of 2019 who allege 15 Roman is telling people that her dad and her boss sexual misconduct, right, and you're aware of all of them by April 2019, right? 17 had sex? 18 A. She was upset but --18 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to MR. CAVALIER: I think you mis -- I think 19 19 lack of foundation. you mischaracterized the rumor. 20 THE WITNESS: I'm aware of what exactly? 20 MR. CARSON: Yeah, no. It's worse than 21 BY MR. CARSON: 21 22 what I said. It's that Marnie Meyer got her 22 Q. That there's eight women who potentially 23 were harassed by Gregg Roman by April of 2019, 23 job because her dad had sex with her. sexually --24 MR. CAVALIER: I think you still got the Page 302 Page 304 parties a little mixed up, but, Daniel, if you 1 A. Where does it say that Gabrielle Bloom was 1 2 can answer the question, go ahead. 2 sexually harassed? Q. "I received a phone call from Matt Bennett 3 3 last night. He started the conversation with 4 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 5 pleasantries, but then began to discuss current MEF internal operations. He is apparently speaking to 6 BY MR. CARSON: 7 Gregg every two days, knew that Gary was back, and Q. Caitriona Brady's dad and Marnie Meyer also that Marnie had made another allegation against having sex is the rumor. 9 A. Caitriona did not allege, until you got Gregg, which Gregg was very upset about because he your hands on her, that Gregg did anything against didn't know what the allegation was. They were apparently concerned that Marnie might have gone out 11 to find an old intern by the name of Gabrielle Q. -- sent this email. I didn't talk to them 13 in April 2019. Bloom. The story there, as I was told, was that Gabrielle Bloom would be able to testify about a A. Show me in the email where Caitriona says 14 that Gregg did something sexually inappropriate with 15 personal relationship with Gregg Roman." Right? 15 16 A. Do I hear anything here about sexual Caitriona. 16 17 misbehavior? 17 Q. That's not what I said. A. What did you say? 18 18 Q. That's not the point, Mr. Pipes. The 19 Q. I said that Caitriona Brady is upset that point is you were in possession of another name that Gregg is talking about her father and Marnie Meyer 20 you could've investigated. 20 21 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 21 having sex. A. Agreed on that, but what is the list of --22 THE WITNESS: -- investigating that Gregg 22 23 may or may not have had sexual relationship how do you --23

Q. Well, Caitriona's one of them, right?

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with Gabrielle Bloom. Any --

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A. I am comfortable with that testimony.

Page 305 Page 307 Q. And he was wrong, actually. Gregg thought 2 that, when the allegation came up, it was Gabrielle (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 3 Bloom, but it wasn't, right? It was Caitriona Brady and her father and Marnie Meyer, correct? 4 THE WITNESS: -- that Lisa Barbounis had a 5 sexual relationship with a member of the MEF 5 A. No idea what you're talking about. 6 6 O. What? staff. I don't do this. 7 7 A. I don't know what you're talking about. 8 Q. Well, what allegation was brought up to 8 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) you at this time? What were they talking about, 9 Mr. Pipes? Says it right here. 10 THE WITNESS: -- Gabrielle -- there's no A. There was a rumor about Marnie and 11 allegation of sexual misbehavior here. Gabrielle Bloom did not come to me. Why is 12 Caitriona's father. I tried to investigate it. I 12 this my concern? It's not my concern. Marnie 13 bumped up quickly against a brick wall of contradictory allegations, and I remember concluding is going off and doing research to find who 14 14 Gregg may or may not have had sex with. Really that I just can't. I can't. It's not a murder. I 15 15 not my issue. don't have to devote weeks of my life to this. I 16 just couldn't figure out what went on, and I 17 BY MR. CARSON: announced to everyone that I just -- I'm --18 Q. But you did testify earlier there's a difference between friends and a 19 Q. You weren't doing anything? 19 supervisor/supervisee relationship, correct? 20 A. No. I did. 20 A. Correct. 21 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 21 22 THE WITNESS: I went as far as I could, Q. And Gregg is the supervisor of Gabrielle 22 23 and I couldn't go further and figure out what 23 Bloom, correct? 24 was at the bottom of this, who had initiated 24 A. I'm not sure --Page 306 Page 308 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 1 this rumor, whether it was true or not, who had 1 2 2 THE WITNESS: I don't think so. initiated. I couldn't find out anything, and 3 eventually I just told everyone I am not doing BY MR. CARSON: 4 Q. Well, Gregg was the director of the Middle this. East Forum, and Gabrielle Bloom was an intern, 5 BY MR. CARSON: 6 correct? Q. So Patricia's also reporting to you that 6 Gregg Roman is slandering her, right, and the 7 A. That's what it says here. I don't know what Gabrielle Bloom is. other -- and Lisa? 9 Q. And you don't know because you never A. Yeah, and I looked into that as well, and looked into it, right? this was Matt telling her what Gregg's comments 10 were. So it, again, was the complex matter. Matt A. Right. 11 Q. Didn't you say in an email back in and Gregg have a long and difficult -- not November if there's another credible allegation of 13 13 difficult, but -sexual harassment by him that he'd be fired? So 14 Q. We can't hear you. when you hear another name, don't you go out and try 15 A. Matt and Gregg have a long relationship 15 going back many years, I think to college. They to look into it? 16 have their ups and downs. Matt was very angry at A. There's no allegation of sexual 17 Gregg. Matt wanted Gregg's job. Matt was full of 18 misbehavior here. Q. That's your testimony. It's fine. high emotions, as you heard when he testified, when 19 A. But will you show me where this allegation he deposed the other day -- lost a child, all sorts of sexual misbehavior here, because I don't see it. of things going on -- and he had a particular Q. If you're comfortable with that testimony, friendship with Tricia, and I looked into this, and 22 23 then we can move on. I couldn't tell what the truth was. And, again,

this is not a murder.

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Q. Not that serious.

A. It wasn't a murder. I could only go so far to try and figure out who said what. I quizzed Tricia. I quizzed Matt. I quizzed Gregg. I tried to find out who said what to who and when, and I ended up with no resolution. At a certain point, I gave up, as with the other thing, because I was getting such contrary stories. I never imagined a place of work would be such a hotbed of personal -intense personal relations of vulgarity, of

backstabbing, and so forth. I was unaware that this 11 was taking place, and when I became aware, as with

this note, I did my best to investigate, and I just 13

couldn't track these things down -- who's saying 14

what? Where does the rumor come from? Who actually

said what? Is this-and-that making it up? Did 16

Gregg actually say this? Did Tricia exaggerate it? 18

I couldn't figure it out in the end.

Q. Do you think Tricia was exaggerating?

A. I don't know.

O. Does she sound like she is in this letter?

A. I don't know what the actual story was.

Q. Well, the only -- everyone is saying the same thing but Gregg, though, right? It's basically

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everyone accusing Gregg of doing something, Gregg denies it, and you accept Gregg's word every time. That's the pattern, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Argumentative.

6 BY MR. CARSON:

> Q. It's not argumentative. Is that the pattern?

9 A. No, it's not the pattern. I did not accept Gregg's word. I --10

Q. When haven't you accepted his word? Give me an example of when you haven't.

A. Let me finish.

THE COURT REPORTER: Guys, I'm not getting much, just so you know.

THE WITNESS: I did not accept Gregg's word. I found contradictory. I did not endorse Gregg at expense of the others. I did not endorse the others at Gregg's expense. I came away unable to discern the truth, and, as it wasn't a matter of enormous import, but rather backstabbing going on --

BY MR. CARSON: 23

Q. It was minor.

A. Let me finish. Don't characterize -don't put words in my mouth.

Q. Is that what you're saying? Was it --

A. Let me finish. Why do you continuously interrupt me?

Q. Mr. Pipes, I asked you another yes or no question. You go on and on and on, and you're not answering the question that we're asking, but go ahead. Take your time. Tell us why -- why you -why you accept Gregg's word every time he denies it.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: You are mischaracterizing what I just said. I did not --

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. It was just a question.

A. Well, it's a "when did you stop beating your wife" question. No, I can't answer that question. I'm not gonna answer that question. The question is, why do you always accept Gregg's word? No, I don't accept Gregg's word. I --

Q. Just give me an example [inaudible] --

A. I am giving you an example. I made two inquiries into the two issues here, one about Gabrielle Bloom, and one about the rumor. In both

cases, I came up against contradictory information -- what Marnie was saying, what Lisa was saying, what Gregg was saying in the first case, what Gregg was saying, what Matt was saying, what Tricia was saying in the second case -- were all different. As this was not an issue that was potentially a fireable issue, as this was not -this was staff gunning for -- gunning for Gregg's job, disliking each other, allying with each other, at a certain point, I threw up my hands in disgust with this office environment and tried to tell them to just deal with their work and stop this intense interpersonal relations between the staff and stop this already.

Q. So it's your testimony that you spoke to Matt, Lisa, Tricia, and Gregg in connection with this incident?

A. Which incident?

Q. The one that you just said, what Matt was saying, what Lisa was saying, what Gregg was saying, what -- you know, what Tricia saying. So did you -you spoke to them all again after this email?

A. I can't tell you exactly who I spoke to in every single case, but I went around and tried to

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| 1 | collect information from the pertinent staff about | 1 | think Matt had various issues and had affections for |
| 2 | what was going on, and I could not figure it out. | 2 | some and anger at others and was mind you, back |
| 3 | This was not the case as of November of a lot of | 3 | then, he was purveying all sorts of information, |
| 4 | people coming and saying roughly the same thing and | 4 | some of it true, some of it not true. |
| 5 | my taking action on it. This was a mess of | 5 | Q. So you're [inaudible] that Matt lied? |
| 6 | contradictions between virtually every person that | 6 | A. Let me finish. |
| 7 | came to me. Disagreement on almost every topic. | 7 | Q. Is that your conclusion, that Matt lied? |
| 8 | Q. Tricia closes by saying, "I know that | 8 | A. No, I'm not concluded. I'm talking. Man, |
| 9 | everyone is concerned that Gregg is back to his old | 9 | you're so impolite. I concluded |
| 10 | ways, but I truly wanted to believe that he had | 10 | Q. This isn't a conversation, Mr. Pipes. |
| 11 | | 11 | It's a question and answer session |
| 12 | | 12 | MR. CAVALIER: I'll tell you what, I'm |
| 13 | correctly? | 13 | gonna ask for a break while there's no question |
| 14 | A. You did. | 14 | pending because I need one. |
| 15 | Q. So did you do another investigation to | 15 | MR. CARSON: There is no question pending, |
| 16 | determine whether Gregg was back to his old ways? | 16 | and you're client's just waxing poetic. |
| 17 | A. What are his old ways? His old ways | 17 | MR. CAVALIER: Well, that's even better. |
| 18 | Q. I think she's referencing the things that | 18 | If there's no question pending, we can take a |
| 19 | got him thrown out of the office, no? | 19 | break. |
| 20 | A. This frankly, I think Matt, who left | 20 | MR. CARSON: Perfectly fine. |
| 21 | Matt we haven't talked about Matt. Matt's a good | 21 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. So both |
| 22 | man, but he had a difficult time, as explained the | 22 | counsels agree to a break and |
| 23 | other day in his deposition, and he wanted to be | 23 | MR. CARSON: Jon, maybe you could just |
| 24 | director, and he was angry at Gregg way back in | 24 | have a conversation with your client about |
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| 2 | was annoyed with me for not making him director. I | 2 | /T 1' 2' - ' 1 11 (11) |
| 3 | told him on many occasions that he had a year in | 3 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 4 | which to prove himself, from November to November, | 4 | THE COURT DEPONDED II 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| 5 | '18 to '19. Let him show me what he can do, and I | 5 | THE COURT REPORTER: Luke, what time is |
| 6 7 | will consider it. By March, he had decided he | 7 | it? |
| 8 | didn't wanna do that anymore. He was fed up. He | 8 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:49, and we are off the record. |
| 9 | was displeased. He started all sorts of rumors. | 9 | we are off the record. |
| 10 | [Inaudible]. The day he left, he gave me a call and told me that Marnie wants to be director instead of | 10 | (Wharaynan there was a recoss in the |
| 11 | | 11 | (Whereupon there was a recess in the proceeding from 4:49 p.m. to 5:08 p.m.) |
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| 13 | statements, rumors, allegations were zooming all | 13 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 5:08 p.m. |
| 14 | | 14 | Eastern Time, and we are now back on the |
| 15 | | 15 | record. |
| 16 | | 16 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 17 | wanna become director or not. I just | 17 | Q. Mr. Pipes, do you see this email to Lisa |
| 18 | Q. We haven't seen any allegations against | 18 | Barbounis from you sent on June 5th, 2019? |
| 19 | | 19 | A. Yep. |
| 20 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. | 20 | Q. You did tell Lisa in this email that she |
| 21 | BY MR. CARSON: | 21 | could work on her own time on the Tommy Robinson |
| 22 | Q. Right? Why do you think Matt Bennett's | 22 | stuff, correct? |
| 23 | the problem, not Gregg Roman? | 23 | A. Yup. |
| 24 | A. I think I just explained to you why I | 24 | Q. Yes? |
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| 1 2 | A. I did say it, yeah. | 2 | that? |
| | Q. You did say it, yes? We can't hear you. | 3 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 3 4 | Is that what you said? | 4 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't see that. I see |
| 5 | A. Yes. | 5 | where she lied about taking her children to |
| 6 | Q. Do you know that Lisa Barbounis is a | 6 | Britain. BY MR. CARSON: |
| 7 | elected Republican official in Philadelphia? | 7 | Q. You don't see it? |
| 8 | A. I learned this in this email. Yes. | 8 | A. No, I don't. Now I see both. I see |
| 9 | Q. So she is allowed to do political work on | 9 | Q. "I leave it to your good sense not to get |
| 10 | her own time, correct? | 10 | entangled in anything MEF issues" [as read]. Do you |
| 11 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. BY MR. CARSON: | 11 | see that? |
| 12 | Q. By nature of her being a public-elected | 12 | MR. CAVALIER: I'm gonna let the record |
| 13 | official, that's political, right? | 13 | reflect that you scrolled the document up so he |
| 14 | A. No. | 14 | could see the part you were referring to. |
| 15 | Q. No? Being an elected official is not | 15 | THE WITNESS: Now that you scroll the |
| 16 | political? | 16 | document up, I can see it, and I can also see |
| 17 | A. Serving as elected official is not | 17 | the lie that Lisa told me about taking her |
| 18 | political. It depends I mean, not necessarily. | 18 | children with her to the UK. |
| 19 | Depends what the office is. I don't know what the | 19 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 20 | office | 20 | Q. Right. I think we've already testified |
| 21 | Q. We can't hear you. | 21 | about that today. |
| 22 | A. I don't know what her office is. I don't | 22 | A. Thank you for pointing it out. |
| 23 | know if it's political or not. | 23 | Q. So on June 5th, 2019 there's an email from |
| 24 | Q. After you found out that she was an | 24 | Marnie Meyer, right? |
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| 2 | A. I wanna finish my answer. | 2 | it if you can, Daniel. |
| 3 | Q. There's no question, Mr. Pipes. What are | 3 | THE WITNESS: I don't do legal things. |
| 4 | you gonna | 4 | I'm a Middle East specialist. BY MR. CARSON: |
| 5 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 5 | |
| 6 | (indistinguishable cross-tark.) | 6 | Q. Do you what does someone have to say in order for it to be retaliation, in order for them to |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: Look, we're gonna go off the | 7 | report retaliation? What do they have to say to |
| 8 | record because I'm gonna get up and walk away | 8 | you? |
| 9 | and | 9 | MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. |
| 10 | MR. CAVALIER: Are you withdrawing your | 10 | THE WITNESS: Hypothetical. |
| 11 | last question? | 11 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 12 | MR. CARSON: There's no question pending. | 12 | Q. Mr. Pipes, you have to answer the |
| 13 | He wasn't answering a question. | 13 | question. What do they have to say to you? |
| 14 | MR. CAVALIER: Yes, he was. | 14 | A. Hypothetical. I do not know what they |
| 15 | MR. CARSON: All right. What's the | 15 | · · |
| 16 | question pending? | 16 | Q. Are you in charge of |
| 17 | MR. CAVALIER: You're gonna have to ask | 17 | Q. The you in charge of — |
| 18 | the court reporter since | 18 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 19 | MR. CARSON: Go ahead. What's the | 19 | (maistinguishaole eross taik.) |
| 20 | question? | 20 | THE WITNESS: Let me speak. |
| 21 | | 21 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 22 | (Discussion was held off the stenographic | 22 | Q. Mr. Pipes, you just said you're not |
| 23 | record.) | 23 | answering hypothetical. Are you in charge of |
| 24 | | 24 | enforcing MEF policy to prohibit discrimination and |
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| 1 | THE COURT REPORTER: There's no question. | 1 | harassment in the workplace? Is that part of your |
| 2 | MR. CARSON: There's no question pending, | 2 | job responsibility? |
| 3 | so what are we doing, Jon? | 3 | A. When? |
| 4 | MR. CAVALIER: You asked a question | 4 | Q. Anytime between 2017 and the present. Has |
| 5 | before | 5 | that been your job responsibility? |
| 6 | MR. CARSON: The court reporter just said | 6 | A. When we had someone in charge of human |
| 7 | there's no question pending. | 7 | resources, no. As the ultimate decision maker, but, |
| 8 | MR. CAVALIER: If you're acknowledging for | 8 | no |
| 9 | the record that there's no pending question or | | O Okay Vay are the president of the Middle |
| 10 | 1 0 1 | 9 | Q. Okay. You are the president of the Middle |
| | you withdraw the question, we can | 10 | East Forum, correct? |
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Page 329 Page 331 Q. Okay. That's fine. So, here, you're not retaliation? It's not a difficult question. concerned -- when Ms. McNulty says that there's 2 MR. CAVALIER: That's not a question that continued abusive and deceitful behavior regarding 3 you asked before. Gregg Roman, you're not concerned that she might be 4 MR. CARSON: It's a yes or no question. reporting retaliation, correct, or are you? 5 It's simple. MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 6 6 MR. CAVALIER: That's a different 7 THE WITNESS: When did I stop beating my 7 question --8 8 wife? I'm not gonna answer those questions. I'm gonna give my answer. 9 9 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) BY MR. CARSON: 10 10 Q. No, you're not. 11 11 BY MR. CARSON: A. I'm going to give you my answer --12 Q. Yes or no, Mr. Pipes, were you concerned? 12 Q. If I ask a yes or no question, you don't 13 MR. CAVALIER: You can answer that 13 get to just say whatever you want. That's not the 14 question, Daniel. 14 wav this works. 15 THE WITNESS: No. 15 16 MR. CAVALIER: Seth, when you load the 16 BY MR. CARSON: 17 question, it causes problems for the witness. 17 Q. How about when she said, "It's more than I BY MR. CARSON: 18 18 should have to endure"? Were you concerned about 19 Q. I'm asking you, are you concerned, when 19 that? she reports continued abusive and deceitful 20 20 A. No, and I'll tell you why I was wasn't. behavior, that it implicates retaliation, yes or no? 21 O. You don't have to. It was a yes or no 21 Are you concerned? question. 22 22 23 23 MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. A. I'm going to. THE WITNESS: I'm not gonna answer a 24 Q. I didn't ask you why. 24 Page 332 Page 330 A. I'm going to tell you why. loaded question. I'll answer the question the 1 1 Q. No, Mr. Pipes. There's no question 2 2 way I wanna answer it. 3 pending. BY MR. CARSON: 4 Q. You don't get to choose what questions you A. Well, that's the next thing I'm gonna do 5 5 is -answer. 6 6 A. I am. Either you wanna hear my answer, or you don't get an answer. Do it your way. 7 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 8 MR. CARSON: All right. If your client's 8 not gonna answer questions, we're gonna stop 9 9 BY MR. CARSON: and file a motion, Jon, okay, because this is 10 Q. Mr. Pipes, there's no question pending, 10 and we're gonna stop the deposition, and we're gonna 11 ridiculous. get -- I'm just gonna file a motion tomorrow and let 12 MR. CAVALIER: Seth, he's trying to answer him know that the witness was completely 13 your question -nonresponsive, refused to cooperate in a deposition, 14 MR. CARSON: No, he's not. He's trying --15 MR. CAVALIER: -- questions that involve 15 and I'm gonna ask to do another seven hours. legal definitions. You're loading the 16 MR. CAVALIER: Hey, Daniel, if he doesn't 16 questions by assuming that some kind of a 17 wanna hear you say why, he doesn't need to hear 17

> Q. So the next sentence in the email says, "The outline of this job description is also concerning due to Gregg's history of discrimination and harassment of female employees in the workplace. Can you even consider a female employee for this

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you say why. I mean, it's his loss, not yours.

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BY MR. CARSON:

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position knowing she will have to work closely with Gregg Roman and report directly to him?"

- A. Tricia McNulty had proven herself to be a liar. Why would I pay attention to all the things she was saying?
- Q. When did she prove herself to be a liar, Mr. Pipes?
- A. By saying different things about what Gregg did, by changing her story. How can I believe her?
- Q. Well, let me ask you a question. When did you find out that she changed her story?
- A. On November 2nd. November 1st, she told me one thing; November 2nd, she wrote me another 14 thing; and then, subsequently -- I don't remember which date -- she came up with a third story.
 - Q. You sure you wanna go with that testimony right now?
 - A. I'm very sure.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

BY MR. CARSON:

22 Q. Okay, good. Didn't you testify today that 23 you just found out that she said the second thing on November 2nd?

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MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. No, you didn't? Okay. "Due to parameters that are supposed to be in place concerning myself and Gregg, I am wondering how it would be possible for me to even be considered for this position." Did you consider her for the position knowing that she'd have to work with Gregg, yes or no?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: It's a loaded question. BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Did you consider her for the position?
- A. She would have been considered had she applied, but this was simply the announcement of a job, so how could I consider her before she applied?
- Q. She never told you she was interested in the position?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. THE WITNESS: She announces here that she's interested in the position but doesn't

wanna work for Gregg, so she'd have to tell me who the director of development is going to report to. I didn't tell her she had to apply

for the director of development. I didn't tell her she should or should not. She decided she wanted to apply, but she didn't like the terms of it. Fine. It's --

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

THE WITNESS: -- with Marnie and the others, I have to take everybody's wish and make that my command.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Okay, Mr. Pipes. Thank you.
- A. Let me finish.
- Q. No, no. You don't have to finish.

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MR. CAVALIER: No. This time, you asked a question.

MR. CARSON: No, I did not. We're not --Jon, he's not just gonna go on and wax poetic during the next hour and a half. That's not --

MR. CAVALIER: -- you asked him about whether he considered her for the job and --BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Did you consider her for the job, yes or

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no? It's a yes or no question. 2

- A. Not a yes or no question.
- Q. "Giving you" -- so what did you mean here on June 9th, 2019? You wrote -- and this is Document No. 26 -- "Giving you an advance look, though small changes might still be made to it." What's that mean?
- A. That means I gave her the courtesy, since she was interested in the job, of seeing what the description would be, but I wasn't taking orders from Tricia on how to define the job. The job was an administrative job. I am not the administrator, and I thought that that job -- the person in that job should report to Gregg, and that's what would have been had we gone through with that job, which we didn't because, shortly after this, she then did the EEOC letter, and then we just -- I just stopped it completely.
- Q. Thank you, Mr. Pipes. The next email is on June 11th, 2019, and the document number is 000027, and in this email, she says, "Daniel, there have been no new instances of sexual harassment since November when Gregg was removed from the office, but I was referring to the ongoing

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psychological harassment we discussed following his phone call with Matt." So, here, she's reporting ongoing psychological harassment, correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. So that's three emails she sent to you reporting Gregg's misconduct since November 5th, 2019, right?
 - A. No, wrong.

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- Q. Not three emails?
- A. She's reporting what she heard from Matt. She didn't hear it from Gregg. She heard Matt's version of what Gregg said. What Gregg said he said and what Matt said he said were different, so I don't know what the truth was.
 - Q. So you disregarded her email, correct? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: -- regard it. I can't take every single statement of someone and rearrange the office at their convenience. We had an agreement -- one in November, and a second agreement in March -- and they were all gunning for each other's jobs. They were hating and loving and engaged with each other in all sorts of complex ways, and here she goes on about

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what Matt said on a telephone call after Matt had left the office. Why is Matt reporting to her what Gregg allegedly said after he left the office?

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Her email continues, "He has continued to spew slander regarding my work and my reputation. He has a history of speaking badly about employees to other employees and, as was the case in April, to former employees. It is very hard to work with someone knowing he is trying to damage my reputation and find a way to push me out of a job." So considering these -- the June 11th, 2019 email from Patricia McNulty to you, did you consider that a report of retaliation?

- A. Course not. I consider it a report of what Matt is telling her.
- Q. But she doesn't say this is what Matt -- she's just saying to you --
- A. Yes, she does. "Following his phone calls with Matt." She got it from Matt.

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

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BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. She said that it happened following the phone calls with Matt.
- A. She had no direct contact with Gregg. She
 had contact with Matt, who she had a great affection
 for, and Matt had a relationship with Gregg which
 was complex, and the three of them went from Gregg
 to Matt -- maybe Gregg to Matt, and Matt,
 definitely, to Tricia. I --
 - Q. The email continues, "Gregg continues to be the director, a position of power and authority, which will always be detrimental to my ability to be successful here. Even though I report to you, I am still receiving directives and deadlines to be met by Gregg. For all intents and purposes, I am still held accountable to him." Right? That's what she said to you?
 - A. That's what she said, and that's what she agreed to back in March.
 - Q. "You have stated that you highly dislike the administrative part of running a think tank, which you were forced into taking over when Gregg was removed from the office in November. That being said, my reporting to you as director of development

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would already put me at a disadvantage in my
application pool since it would not alleviate your
oversight of administrative tasks. Additionally, if
Gregg is part of the hiring process for the director
of development, I am even further disadvantaged,
despite my experience and accomplishments, knowing
full well he has already stated that he considers
Marnie, Lisa, and me 'usurpers'." That didn't come
from Matt, did it?

- A. You tell me. I don't know where it came from.
 - Q. Did you investigate it?
- A. You want me to full-time investigate every single email I get?
 - Q. No. Every single report of --
- A. We went through all of this in November. I devoted a week to it. I moved on.
- Q. Right. You moved on, but they didn't, correct?
- A. Oh, no. They were building their case. We have perfect example of Tricia here building her case to take to Derek Smith Law Group and sue us for \$31 million. Good job, Tricia. Good job, Mr. Carson. Well done.

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Q. This is what you intend to tell a jury? This is how you're gonna testify?

A. They agreed. They agreed to what we set up in November, they agreed to the changes in March, and then, all of a sudden, in late May, early June or so, suddenly comes barrage of calumny against Gregg out of nowhere. Did he do anything? Did he do anything? All we know is that Matt said some things, quoted Gregg to Tricia. We know of no complaints that he actually did anything. We have generalizations about what a miserable person he is, how she doesn't like him. Okay. So what am I supposed to do, change the whole organization all over again because Tricia is saying these things?

Q. No, of course not, right? You didn't even think about doing that, correct? Right? That's a question.

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

BY MR. CARSON:

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Q. Right? Hello? There's a question pending, Mr. Pipes.

A. I've answered you.

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Q. No. My last question is, did you even consider doing that, making changes to the organization to protect the female employees who worked for you?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. THE WITNESS: I made extensive changes to the organization in November --

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. In November.

A. -- approval. I made further changes in March with their initiation and approval. I could not make, in every month, a whole new range of changes because someone doesn't like someone. Here's something from someone else that someone said. This was a viper's nest, and if I thought so then, I think so more and more as I've read the 16 exchanges of emails between these people and the 18 things about they were saying -- things they were saying about each other, things they were saying to each other, the things they were saying about others, incredible. So I hope you don't raise this, 22 Mr. Carson, because it's just gonna raise a viper's nest of contention, ugliness, vulgarity, sexual accession. It's nasty stuff, and I was not part of

it. I'm trying to do my work, and these people are engaged in this backstabbing, including Matt, I'm sorry to say. Matt was part of it. Matt was part of this backstabbing, and I don't know why he did it. He left the organization. I don't know why he was doing it. I don't know [inaudible] Marnie wanted to be the head of it. I don't know why he was trying to get Tricia upset about Gregg. I don't know why. I don't know. Oh, and let me note that you asked about the rumor, the Brady rumor.

- Q. Yeah. There's no question pending about the Brady rumor.
- A. I now remember that the Brady -- I asked Lisa, is this new? Is this since November? She said no. Predated November. So --
 - Q. Mr. Pipes, did you hire a deputy director?
 - A. [Inaudible] --
- Q. No, I'm not. You're not gonna finish, Mr. Pipes. You're done, okay? Were you gonna hire a deputy director?

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

THE WITNESS: -- to me in April.

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Actually, it took place before November, and it was a quiver in their satchel, which they brought out --

MR. CARSON: Jon, you gotta get your client under control. I don't even know what he's talking about right now.

MR. CAVALIER: So you do not want the witness to correct prior testimony?

MR. CARSON: I have no idea. He's just been going on for the last five minutes. I don't think anyone here knows what he's talking about, so, please, get your client under control. He's not answering a question right now. He's just going on and on and on, and, seriously, I'm gonna file a motion about it because it's ridiculous. It's just ridiculous. It's not okay. You can't intentionally try to sabotage a deposition by answering yes or no questions by taking five minutes and going on and on and on just blabbering about nothing. He's not responsive to anything right now.

MR. CAVALIER: It should go without saying that we disagree with the way you describe that. If you wanna file a motion --

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22 23 MR. CARSON: You don't have a choice, but that's what's happening, and I think the record will speak for itself, okay?

MR. CAVALIER: To the extent the record can speak at all, to the extent you've interrupted the witness 500 times, and the court reporter has been put through hell during these six hours --

MR. CARSON: We're gonna move on.
MR. CAVALIER: -- we'll see what it looks like but --

MR. CARSON: We're gonna move on now. BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Mr. Pipes, you told -- you talked about hiring a deputy director. Did you ever do that, yes or no?
 - A. No
- Q. See this email from Lisa on July 18, 2019, Mr. Pipes?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. She talking about attending, I think, a conference in Washington D.C.; is that right?
 - A. I don't know.
 - O. What?

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A. I don't know.

Q. Marc writes, "Dear Lisa, as you well know, [unintelligible] no surprises when it comes to activities that could embarrass the organizations, especially political activities. As you know, Daniel Pipes previously confronted you about your surprise travels, first on April 17th about your meeting in D.C. with Jack Posepiak [phonetic], then on May 28th about your travels to the UK." Do you remember?

- A. I read it, yeah.
- Q. So she responds and says, Please see the attached screenshot. I asked Dr. Pipes for permission, and he granted it. So she did talk to you about going to that conference in D.C., right, and you said okay?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: This is a letter from Marc to Lisa, and from Lisa to Marc. I'm not quite sure what we're supposed to...

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. I'm asking you if you -- she says that you gave her permission to go. She asks, and you granted permission; is that true?

A. Apparently.

Q. So here's another email from Ms. McNulty dated May 10th, right? May 10th, 2019, all right?
This one, she says, "Daniel, I feel very uncomfortable in the situation I find myself now in.
When Gregg was removed from the office the first time, I continued to work with him regularly. His role keeps him involved in events and fundraising, essentially working hand-in-hand with me." So she's telling you that, even after Gregg was ejected from the office, she still had to work with him, correct?

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- Q. Not what she's saying there?
- A. No
- Q. Says, "When Gregg was removed from the office the first time". Is she referring to the November 5th, 2018 situation when he was removed from the office there?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. She said, "I continue to work with him regularly," right?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. So then why'd you say no a minute ago? MR. CAVALIER: Objection.

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THE WITNESS: Because there's communication that the next sentence is about the pre-March era.

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. All right. So we'll read that, then. "Everyone else here [sic] received a reprieve from him, but I did not." She's referring to between November 5th, 2018 and March 2018. She's saying, even during that time period, I didn't get a reprieve, right?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Is that how you understand it?
- A. Understand what?
- Q. What she wrote to you. I'll continue. "Everyone else received a reprieve from him, but I did not. With him returning to that role, I will again continue to be working with him just as much as ever. I had very much wanted to believe that he had learned a lesson and could be brought back because I knew it would make your life better, but I was wrong," right? "Now I find myself again on the very bad side of Gregg, who remains in power.

Despite splitting that power into two parts, it is

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Page 349 still -- it is still a position of power that could directly affect my career and future. There will never be a day when Gregg doesn't think it would be in his best interest to not have me at MEF. Between the sexual harassment, the verbal abuse, and the slander of my character and reputation that has all 7 been made known, he will force me out of the Forum the second he has an opportunity. I witnessed him drive Eman, Grayson, and Gary out of employment at the Forum because he didn't want to be working with 11 them. He will back me into a corner until I have no choice to leave, like each of them" [as read]. She 13 is complaining to you after November 5th, 2018, correct? 14 15

A. She got in touch with a shoddy lawyer who told her to start documenting how terrible everything was, and she did that, and a few days later, she filed an EEOC complaint. Yes.

- Q. What lawyer did she get in touch with by May 10th, 2019?
 - A. Perhaps yourself, perhaps another one.
- Q. I'll represent to you she didn't get a lawyer by May 10th, 2019.
 - A. She was on her way to getting a lawyer.

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She was the one who went first to a lawyer, and you are the lawyer, I believe, and she was setting up her argument. Note that these all came late in the day just before the EEOC complaint. Gregg never tried to get rid of her. This is --

- Q. So this is part of the conspiracy, right, the huge conspiracy that you've concocted?
 - A. The conspiracy you've concocted, yes.
- Q. "I honestly do not know what I am supposed to do in this position. Like I said to you before, I feel like I am in a lose-lose situation. I do believe that speaking to a lawyer is in my best interest." She hadn't gone to a lawyer, right? She's thinking about it right now.
- A. [Inaudible].
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- A. Preparing the way to go to a lawyer.
- Q. Preparing the way to go to a lawyer, okay.

 But the point is she did complain about Gregg again,
 correct?
 - A. Well, it's the same point she's making in slightly different words over and over again, but not -- at no point after November was there any specific allegation that Gregg did something that

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would cause him to be fired, that he did something that was terrible. There are vague things about Gregg --

- Q. My question was, she did complain again, correct?
 - A. I'm answering it --
- Q. No, you're not. My question was, did she complain again? That's the question, Mr. Pipes. It's yes or no or "I don't know". You're allowed to say "I don't know," too. Did she complain again? Is this another complaint?
- A. I am not gonna answer your loaded question.
 - Q. You have to answer the question.

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(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

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BY MR. CARSON:

Q. -- say whatever you want to my questions. It's a yes or no question. Did she complain again? Is this a complaint?

MR. CAVALIER: He's trying to give you the context --

MR. CARSON: No. I'm not asking for

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context. I'm asking a yes or no question.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Did she complain again?
- A. No.
- Q. She didn't -- this is not a complaint, right?
 - A. No.
- Q. Okay. So we've now looked at a complaint on April 23rd, 2019, one on June 10th, 2019, one on June 11th, 2019, and one on May 10th, 2019. They're all from Patricia McNulty. Do you remember that today?
 - A. No. I --
 - Q. You don't remember?
 - A. I said no, I do not remember. I do not see complaints. I see moaning about Gregg. I do not see any complaints, anything for me to act on.
 - Q. That's what Patricia McNulty's doing, she's moaning about Gregg?
 - A. That's what she's doing.
 - Q. Okay. Thank you.
 - A. Not providing me with any specifics that I can act on.
 - Q. I understood your answer. Mr. Pipes --

Page 353 Page 355 old -- it's the old issues. 2 Q. But you didn't investigate this rumor in (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 2018 because you didn't know about it, right? 3 A. -- know about it, but when I asked Lisa --4 MR. CARSON: There's no question on the 5 5 table. Q. I'm sorry. Did you say you did not know 6 MR. CAVALIER: He's finishing his answer. about it? 7 MR. CARSON: No, there's no question. All 7 A. I did not know about it until spring -right. So right now we are going to look at --I'm not sure when -- of 2019, and when I heard about 8 and, by the way, that was -- the last complaint it, the most important thing to me was when did this 9 we looked at was on -- was D000037. take -- when did she hear about this? 10 MR. CAVALIER: I'm objecting to the --11 11 Q. Yeah. 12 A. When she heard about -- let me finish. 12 She said she heard about it before November '18, and (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 13 13 that made me less anxious about it because whoever 14 had initiated it, it took place in the previous era, 15 THE COURT REPORTER: Nothing is getting written down when you're talking at the same 16 and we are now out of that. So I don't know --16 17 Q. Yeah. That's because you gave Gregg 17 time. immunity for everything that happened before 18 MR. CARSON: That's okay. I'm just 18 November 2018, right? letting the court reporter -- I'm sorry -- the 19 19 videographer know what exhibits we're at. 20 A. I what? 20 BY MR. CARSON: Q. You gave him immunity. You gave him a 21 21 22 reprieve. If it happened before that, you weren't Q. So the next thing we're gonna look at 22 is -- so this is a email where -- do you remember 23 interested. 24 this email where Marnie Meyer complains? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object as Page 354 Page 356 1 1 A. No. argumentative. 2 2 THE WITNESS: No, I did not give immunity. MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 3 I severely curtailed his hour, his BY MR. CARSON: remuneration, and other aspects of his job. 4 Q. She's saying Gregg -- you see right here, 4 "Gregg has made it clear he has hostilities toward 5 BY MR. CARSON: me and he now -- and is now known to have started 6 Q. You've already testified about that. rumors about me, damaging my reputation, for which 7 he has not even been held accountable in any manner, 8 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) including a simple apology" [as read]. Right? 9 She's complaining there, correct? 10 10 THE WITNESS: -- can't just interrupt me. A. No. 11 11 BY MR. CARSON: Q. Okay. So now that's -- you said there Q. It was another yes or no question. That's wasn't one complaint against Gregg Roman after it, yes or no. Mr. Pipes, what about this? Here, 13 November 5th, 2019, and I would represent to you there's another -- there's another sentence here. that we've now looked at at least seven, but you're 15 Besides the rumor about Marnie Meyer, she says, 15 saying none of them are complaints, correct? "Gregg has made it clear that he has hostilities 16 16 A. This was a complaint about something that toward me". That's present tense, correct? 17 17 happened before November 2018. 18 A. I will answer my way, or I don't answer. 18 Q. That you found out about after --19 Q. I mean, I'm asking you if she's talking in 19 A. I asked Lisa when she told me about this 20 20 the present tense. Brady rumor, was this pre or post November '18, and 21 A. I will answer as I wish to answer, and she said pre. So this is from before. It is not a 22 you'll let me answer. 22 new complaint. It is raising the same old 23 Q. It's a simple yes or no question -- is she 23

complaints in a new way, or at a new time, as the

talking in present tense -- or maybe you don't know.

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A. You gonna censor me or let me speak?

Page 357 Page 359 1 MR. CARSON: We're gonna go off the record Yes, no, I don't know? 2 2 because, I mean, he's just not answering right A. You gonna let me answer? Q. I'm asking you a question, if you can 3 now. So I'm gonna stop sharing -answer my question. Is she talking in the present 4 MR. CAVALIER: Ask the question, Seth. tense right here? 5 MR. CARSON: Is it a present tense 6 6 A. Are you gonna censor me or gonna let me sentence? 7 7 speak? MR. CAVALIER: Answer the question in the 8 8 way you think it needs to be answered. Q. I'm not censoring you. I'm asking you a 9 MR. CARSON: I mean, at this point it question. You can answer my question. Is she talking in the present tense? This is a present 10 doesn't matter what happens. We're just gonna complaint, correct, or did you not see it that way? 11 have to deal with it with the court because you 11 It's just a yes or no question. 12 guys are what's wasting a lot of time today 12 A. I would like to answer my way. 13 with nothing, and it's really -- you know, it's 13 Q. Is your way include saying yes or no? 14 obviously a strategy. It's not a good 14 strategy, but, you know, I'm objecting to the MR. CAVALIER: Seth, just let him answer 15 15 16 nonresponsiveness throughout the entire day. 16 the question. 17 17 MR. CARSON: No, I'm not, because he BY MR. CARSON: 18 answers every single question by not answering 18 Q. Mr. Pipes, are you gonna continue the the question and just talking and talking and deposition, yes or no? 19 19 20 A. Yes, if you let me speak. 20 Q. Well, you can speak all you want, but your 21 MR. CAVALIER: We deposed your client a 21 week ago, and she went on for pages. 22 responses and what you say have to be in answer to 22 my question. You can't just say whatever you want 23 24 to anything I say. 24 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) Page 358 Page 360 1 MR. CAVALIER: He's not. He's trying to 1 2 2 answer your question. MR. CARSON: Are you guys gonna give me eight and a half hours today? I'll let him 3 BY MR. CARSON: 3 answer whatever he needs to, however long he Q. Okay. So my question here with regard to 4 this email -- I'm not -- this is the last time I'm 5 needs to. 6 MR. CAVALIER: You didn't give us eight -gonna try this. My question here with regard to 7 MR. CARSON: Yeah, I did. I gave you this email is, do you see here right here where it says, "Gregg Roman has made it clear that he has 8 eight and a half hours. MR. CAVALIER: Secondly, if you wanna ask hostilities toward me"? 9 9 questions that require context, he's allowed to 10 A. You gonna box me in to one-syllable answer 10 or --11 give it. 11 12 12 Q. Do you see that? 13 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 13 A. No, I don't see it. 14 Q. You don't see it? I just highlighted it. 15 15 MR. CAVALIER: The document's not up. MR. CAVALIER: -- far further along if you would stop interrupting him and just let him --16 BY MR. CARSON: 16 MR. CARSON: No, we wouldn't. My Q. Do you see it now? "Gregg Roman has made 17 17 it clear that he has hostilities toward me." question, Jon, is if this is a present tense 18 18 sentence. That's the question. Is it in the 19 19 A. I see it. 20 present tense? That's all I'm asking. 20 Q. Okay. Isn't she talking in the present BY MR. CARSON: tense there? 21 Q. Do you know, Mr. Pipes, whether this is in 22 A. You gonna let me answer? 22 23 Q. It's just a yes or no. present tense? 23

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MR. CAVALIER: I'm gonna object to the

Page 361 Page 363 form. The document speaks for itself, and it's A. You tell me. 2 literally not in the present tense, and you Q. Well, I'm asking. You're the one who said 3 keep asking -it. Marnie -- this is your email, right, Daniel MR. CARSON: "Gregg has made it clear" --Pipes to Marnie Meyer? 4 5 then he can say no, can't he? A. That's my email from a year and a half ago. I don't recall. You have the list of -- you 6 THE WITNESS: No, it's not in the present 7 have the documents. I don't. tense. Q. I can't -- we can't hear you, Mr. Pipes. 8 BY MR. CARSON: Can you speak up? Here, you say, "I understand your 9 Q. Okay. So you think when she was saying this she was talking about the Caitriona Brady feelings and sympathize with them and respect your reluctance. Gregg has made many -- made errors and 11 situation? A. "Has made" is past tense. "Has" is many of -- Gregg has made errors, and many of us, 12 including myself, have issues with what he has done. present tense. 13 Accordingly, he has a diminished standing at MEF, Q. Okay. Thank you for answering. 14 A. Therefore, it is not a single-word answer. including severely limited access to the office. 15 Q. All right. Your answer was no. Do you You are not asked to be alone with him, you do not report to him, and he has no say over your think that when she said -- do you think when she 18 said this she was referring to the Caitriona Brady employment duties or status" [as read]. Sent that rumor, or you think she was talking about continued on June 5th, 2019, right? Can you hear me? 19 19 hostilities? 20 20 21 Q. You sent that on June 5th, 2019, correct? A. It goes on to mention the rumor, but, of 21 22 course, we now know that the rumor actually dated A. Correct. from a half year earlier. 23 23 Q. Okay. You also write, "Gregg Roman has had -- has had many errors" [as read], correct? Q. But doesn't she say, "Gregg Roman made it 24 Page 362 Page 364 clear that he has hostilities and is now known to 1 A. Correct. have started rumors against me" [as read]? Isn't 2 What are the errors you're referring to that two things? 3 there? 4 A. Well, they're obviously connected because 4 A. Pre November '18. she mentions one right after the other, and so she's 5 Q. But you also say, you have to work with referring to something --6 Gregg Roman, correct? 7 Q. Mr. Pipes, you answered the question. 7 A. Correct. A. -- six months earlier, pre November '18. 8 8 Q. So you're forcing her to work with him Q. Okay. So the next thing we're gonna look 9 9 after November 5th, 2019 -- 2018, correct? at is -- who said this right here? The bane of 10 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. my -- "This tension is the bane of my life," right? 11 BY MR. CARSON: You forwarded Marnie's email complaining about Gregg Q. You're forcing her to work with him, to Gregg, and then said, "This tension is the bane 13 13 correct? of my life," right? 14 14 MR. CAVALIER: Same objection. 15 A. Right. 15 BY MR. CARSON: Q. Your key statement below is, "I'm no Q. I mean, "You have to work with Gregg 16 16 longer comfortable with Gregg reviewing or having 17 17 Roman." That's what you said? access to my work product or your resulting refusal 18 18 A. I'm not forcing her. She is free to -to work with him" [as read]. That was in connection 19 Q. Can't hear you. 19 20 to the finances, right? 20 A. No, I'm not forcing her. MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 21 Q. I mean, if she wants to continue her 21 BY MR. CARSON: 22 22 employment, she has to, right? 23 O. Was that -- what was that in connection 23 A. Correct. 24 to, Mr. Pipes? Q. What?

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Page 365 Page 367 A. Yes. BY MR. CARSON: 2 Q. [Unintelligible]. You already testified Q. Okay. 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Counsels, we are in the 3 to that, right? 4 4 MR. CAVALIER: Object to argumentative last 60 minutes until seven hours, for your 5 5 information. nature of the question. To the extent you can 6 6 answer, you can answer. MR. CARSON: So the next thing we're gonna 7 look at is November -- is Documents 50, 51, 52. 7 BY MR. CARSON: 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. Q. Why are you trying to compare the -- why 8 are you trying to relate Gregg Roman going rogue and 9 MR. CARSON: Got it? signing up with a \$200,000 health insurance policy 10 for the office, and what you did in response to 11 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) that, to this document? 12 13 MR. CARSON: What? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 13 THE WITNESS: The complaints in November THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes, Counselor. 14 14 fell into two categories, the sexual complaints BY MR. CARSON: 15 15 Q. November 6, 2018. You see this? Is this 16 and the management complaints. The sexual 16 the agreement between you and Gregg Roman for him to harassment complaints I dealt with by excluding 17 continue working with the Middle East Forum after him from the office and limiting his contact 18 18 November 5th, 2018 meeting? 19 with the female employees. The administrative 19 and management complaints I dealt with by A. Looks like it, yeah. 20 20 O. So he keeps his -- keeps his title as 21 taking him out of administration. They're two 21 director, correct? 22 separate problems which I dealt with in two 22 23 A. Looks like it. separate ways, and the -- I initially kept the 23 24 remuneration the same, and benefits, and then O. Yeah? 24 Page 366 Page 368 A. Yep. 1 when I learned shortly afterwards that he had 1 2 Q. He continues to make the same amount of 2 \$27,000 or so in health insurance, we were 3 money, no -- all his benefits are the same, correct? paying -- the Forum was paying \$27,000 a year A. No. No, I said. 4 in health insurance. I took that away, so, in 4 5 Q. "Your salary and benefits remain 5 fact, he did have a significant loss of income. unchanged." Isn't that part of the agreement? 6 6 BY MR. CARSON: 7 A. No. 7 Q. But he didn't have a significant loss Q. Well, it says so right here, though, because of the women's complaints, right? The loss 8 right? of the health insurance was connected to his own 9 A. Yeah, but that isn't what happened. 10 misconduct, correct? 10 Q. Well, what happened that's different than 11 11 A. No, it was not misconduct. It was bad that? 12 management. 12 13 A. I learned that he had, I think, \$27,000 in 13 Q. His own bad management, right? health insurance, and I took that away. 14 A. Yes. 14 Q. But that has nothing to do with this, 15 Q. Okay. So the next thing we're gonna look 15 at is an email from Lisa Barbounis to you. "Gregg though, right? 16 A. When I found out about that, I took it Roman will be restated -- will be reinstated as 17 director of MEF" -- and this is Document 54. "He away. That was --18 18 19 Q. It has nothing to do with the conditions will maintain responsibility for projects, that you imposed upon Gregg because of all the women 20 developments, and communications, anything coming forward and reporting sexual harassment, content/production related. He will have no discrimination, and harassment, correct? oversight over finance operations. His position as 22 director will remain probationary" [as read] -- so, 23 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. Object to here, Lisa is saying that his position is 24 lack of foundation.

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Page 369 Page 371 really germane. In the case of the Gregg, Matt, probationary, too, right? Tricia, I threw up my hands, and I couldn't get to A. Yes. That was public. His -- he was on the bottom of it and figured, you know, we're just probation. gonna live with this. Q. And while he's on this probationary 5 status, there have been -- there were multiple Q. Marnie was against Gregg Roman returning from the beginning, correct? emails to you complaining about his conduct and --A. Correct. is that correct? 8 Q. All right. So we're gonna look at a 8 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. document that's marked 60 -- 00060, and that 9 THE WITNESS: No. 10 BY MR. CARSON: document says -- so here you're talking to Lisa Barbounis, and this is on June 5th, 2019, and you're 11 Q. While he was on probationary status, he received multiple emails complaining about Gregg talking to her about the article in The Guardian, 12 13 Roman's misconduct, correct, or not correct? and you were concerned about the possible 13 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. consequences that -- because of, you know, while she 14 14 THE WITNESS: Not correct. 15 was on her own time, it might be misconstrued as 15 16 political activity from the Middle East Forum. So BY MR. CARSON: you say that although the trip was for fun -- strike 17 Q. Sorry? 18 A. Not correct. that. You say -- excuse me. You say, "The article could entirely disappear, but it could pop up in the 19 Q. It was just moaning, those emails, right? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 20 future," right? 20 THE WITNESS: -- same old thing and 21 A. Yep. 21 22 Q. Which one happened? preparing --22 23 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 23 BY MR. CARSON: 24 24 Q. Wait, wait. Did you say "same old BY MR. CARSON: Page 370 Page 372 moaning"? Is that how you started the response? Q. Did it entirely disappear, or did it pop up in the future? A. You gave several examples of Tricia 2 repeating herself, giving no specifics other than 3 A. No, it didn't, either. Where do you see what Matt allegedly said to her. And, otherwise, that, the "pop up in the future"? I'm not seeing it's gearing up for lawsuits. 5 that. Q. They were just moaning and conspiring, 6 6 Q. Is it down on this one? 7 [Unintelligible] -- "This rates as both a surprise right? 8 A. Well, there are no specifics. In and an unwelcome complication. The article could November, I had specific after specific about money, entirely disappear, but it could also pop up in the about misuse of authority and the like. Here, it future and make trouble for us." Did it ever pop up was moaning. It was saying, Gregg doesn't like me. 11 and make trouble for you? Gregg doesn't want me here. Gregg this, Gregg that, 12 A. No. 13 but there's nothing specific, nothing for me to --13 Q. It entirely disappeared, right? Q. Did you schedule any meetings to ask them 14 A. No. 14 for specifics? 15 15 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. A. My door was open. My emails were open. 16 16 BY MR. CARSON: 17 My texts were open. If you've got any problems with Q. Sorry? 17 Gregg, tell me. And they did. You have been going 18 18 A. No. through them. They did, but I look at them and say, 19 Q. Well, what happened? I don't see specifics here. And when I did see one 20 A. It's there on the record and available to specific about the Gregg, Matt, Tricia thing, and those who wish to make trouble for us. when I saw another one with the rumor thing, I 22 Q. But it's been a year and a half, and none looked into them, and, in the rumor, I concluded it 23 of that trouble's happened, right?

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No. There was trouble. We had trouble in

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Page 373 a colleague with whom you work, in your words, Britain. 2 hand-in-hand." So you're acknowledging that she and O. What was the trouble related to the article? 3 Gregg have to work hand-in-hand, correct? 4 A. Yes. 4 A. Yeah. A number of articles about Lisa, about the Middle East Forum, Tommy Robinson. Yeah, 5 Q. "He is not authorized to give you there were some. It didn't have legal instructions, and he does not judge your work. In repercussions, which I most feared. March, with your agreement, he took a more Q. Did it have any repercussions? administrative -- he took -- he took on more 8 A. Yeah, it did. I just told you. 9 administrative tasks, but this situation remains 10 Q. What were the repercussions? unchanged. Further, I plan the deputy director A. It was mentioned time and again that the position that I sketched out for Marnie and you on 11 Forum was connected to the Tommy Robinson campaign. Tuesday, that person will also report to me. In 12 Q. Okay. I'd like you to please -- I'll make short, now and in the future, Gregg has no authority 13 a request on the record to produce any articles that 14 over you and cannot force you out of the Forum. I 14 you say were repercussions of the article referenced 15 ask you to be wary of what Matt reported to you in Document 60, okay? about Gregg's statements about you. I have reason 16 to think that Matt wants to make trouble for us" [as 17 A. Okay. 18 MR. CAVALIER: I'll just note for the read]. And that's -- you're basing that on Gregg record that, to the extent you have a request telling you that Matt made that stuff up; is that 19 out there that those documents would be 20 20 responsive to, we will do so. 21 A. In part, and in part on Matt's record of 21 22 saying all sorts of things. I gave you one example MR. CARSON: Well, I think we do, and 22 of reporting to me that Marnie wants to become 23 they're in their second request for production 24 of documents in response to your counterclaim. director, and he had a history with me of saying 24 Page 374 BY MR. CARSON: Q. Sixty-two. So here in -- on June 17th, 2017, you're talking about Lisa Barbounis' work on her own time, and you give her permission again. You say, "Go if you wish, but know that I will be very upset with -- upset with major consequences if 6 A. I don't know. your presence becomes known outside of Tommy 7 Q. Why don't you know that? Robinson's own circles" [as read], right? 8 8 A. I didn't deal with expense reports. 9 9 A. Yeah. Q. Well, is it your understanding that Q. So you said you can keep doing it, just 10 10 make sure there's no consequences for us, the Middle 11 11 12 East Forum, right? 13 A. Yeah. 13 just decided -- [inaudible] --14 14 MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

things that made me leery of what he was saying.

Q. So I think -- I think that's everything on this one. There might -- let's see. Ms. Barbounis' employment from the Middle East Forum, she was permitted to submit expense reports, right?

employees were permitted to get reimbursed if they spent their own money on work-related expenses?

A. If they were pre-authorized, yes. If they

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear that, Mr. Pipes.

THE WITNESS: If they pre-authorized, yes; if they on their own decided to submit expenses, no.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Well, if they submit expenses before they get paid, they have to be authorized, correct?
- A. They would only be reimbursed if they had been authorized. They got authorization.
 - Q. And who makes that determination?

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THE WITNESS: One week before the EEOC

Q. I know that's on your mind, Mr. Pipes, but

look at Document 65 now. Document 65 is an email

from you to Ms. McNulty on May 10th. You tell her,

"Thank you for your thoughts. Most importantly, I'd

that wasn't a question. All right. So we're gonna

like to point out that, since November, you and

everyone else in the office reports to me. Gregg is

complaints, I might note.

BY MR. CARSON:

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A. Gregg or me.

- Q. Well, in 2018 and 2019, Marnie Meyer made that determination, correct?
- A. No. We are speaking pre November. Post November, no, Marnie did not make that. I did.
- Q. It's your testimony that in order for an expense to be authorized, you had to authorize it?
- A. The personnel manual says the director or the president, and I took Gregg out of that, so it just left the president. Did not say the accountant.
- Q. So were you authorizing all the expenses submitted to the Middle East Forum for reimbursement?
 - A. If there were, yes.
- Q. Okay. So how would that work? Marnie would tell you, hey, someone submitted an expense, can I pay it out, and then you'd say yes?
 - A. Different ways.
- Q. Generally, though, would the -- is the procedure that an employee would submit their receipts to Marnie Meyer, Marnie Meyer would then confirm with you whether she was permitted to reimburse the money, and then, if you said yes, she

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would reimburse it?

- A. I don't remember the usual way.
- Q. Well, what's the procedure for that?
- A. The key point is that I would give the authorization or not. I don't remember the --
- Q. But if Marnie Meyer reimbursed money, it means that you authorized it, correct?

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: She could've reimbursed money without checking with me.

BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. Do you know whether she did that?
- A. I do not.
- Q. Have you ever thought that she might've done that?
 - A. I don't deal with the books.
 - Q. Well, do you have any reason to believe she did that?
 - A. I don't know if she did or not.
 - Q. So you don't have any reason to believe -it's not your question. Do you have any reason to
 believe that Marnie was authorizing expenses when
 she wasn't supposed to?
 - A. I don't know. I'm not saying she didn't.

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I'm not saying she did. I'm saying I don't know.
My job is to bring the money in. I did not oversee the spending of the money.

- Q. But you just testified it was your job to authorize whether an employee could be reimbursed for their expenses.
- A. Simple fact, but I did not get into the amounts, and I did not get into the payments and the like. I did not sign checks. I did not [inaudible] the checks. I did not look at the amounts that were being submitted. I simply said, yes, this is okay to reimburse.
 - Q. And how would she do that, by email?
 - A. I don't know. Various different ways.
- Q. Have you ever accused Marnie of paying an employee an expense that was unauthorized? Strike that. Have you ever accused Marnie of reimbursing an employee for -- for money spent that she wasn't supposed to?
- A. I don't recall that, no. Could've, but I don't recall it.
- Q. So this is Document 968, and this document, it says, to administrative staff, Marnie, from Daniel Pipes. It's not dated, but it says,

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"November 1st, 2018 was when I received a number of complaints about Gregg. I took the complaints at -- I took the complainants at their word and immediately took steps to limit Gregg's role at MEF. In particular, I took away his office key" [as read]. When you said that, you mean that you think Marnie took his office key, correct?

- A. Yeah. Not me personally.
- Q. Okay. "On March 9th, 2019, responding to a demand from many of you, I reinstated him particularly" [sic] -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Strike that. "I reinstated him partially but maintained his limited access to the office. Now, I
- am happy to report we have completed a
- comprehensive" -- sorry. I lost my place. "Now, we have completed a comprehensive investigation into
- Gregg's conduct and have determined that all
- accusations against Gregg are a hundred percent false. Thus, there is now no reason to maintain the previous restrictions" [as read]. Do you see that?
 - A. Yep.
 - Q. Is that true?
 - A. I don't know if I ever sent this. I don't
- 24 know when I -- if I did --

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| 1 | MR. CAVALIER: Yeah. Seth, I | 1 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 2 | BY MR. CARSON: | 2 | Q. Well, when |
| 3 | Q. I mean, is this accurate? | 3 | A. As of today, I can tell you, yes, I |
| 4 | A. It could be a draft. It could be | 4 | have we have completed I can endorse that as |
| 5 | MR. CAVALIER: Yeah. This may be a draft | 5 | of today. I cannot do it as some arbitrary date in |
| 6 | that has privilege issues attached to it. | 6 | the past, but today, yes. |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: You guys produced it, | 7 | Q. Well, when? When did that happen? When |
| 8 | Document 968. | 8 | did that investigation happen? |
| 9 | MR. CAVALIER: Mark confidential yeah, | 9 | A. I can tell you today that I endorsed it. |
| 10 | you're gonna have to let him read it. | 10 | I cannot give you a date. |
| 11 | MR. CARSON: They're all marked | 11 | Q. I'm asking you when the you said that |
| 12 | confidential, every document you gave me. | 12 | your conclusion that everything [unintelligible] is |
| 13 | MR. CAVALIER: My only point is you're | 13 | based on a comprehensive investigation. |
| 14 | gonna have to let us read it here if you want | 14 | MR. CAVALIER: So unless and until you let |
| 15 | us to answer questions about it because I'm not | 15 | us |
| 16 | sure what it is. | 16 | us |
| 17 | MR. CARSON: I just read it to you. | 17 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 18 | MR. CAVALIER: You read us the top part. | 18 | (maistinguishable cross-tark.) |
| 19 | I wanna see the whole document. | 19 | MR. CAVALIER: but if you're gonna |
| 20 | MR. CARSON: Well, this is the whole | 20 | refer to the document and base your questions |
| 21 | document. | 21 | on it, you need to let us see the document. |
| 22 | MR. CAVALIER: I can only see down to | 22 | MR. CARSON: I'll get to I'll |
| 23 | "Original". There's obviously more text. | 23 | [unintelligible]. |
| 24 | MR. CARSON: Well, I'll get to that in | 24 | BY MR. CARSON: |
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| 1 | statements, can you name anyone you've taken a | 1 | MR. CAVALIER: You asked him a question. |
| 2 | witness statement from? | 2 | This time, he's gonna finish his answer. |
| 3 | A. We have taken witness statements, yes. | 3 | MR. CARSON: No. |
| 4 | Q. From who? | 4 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 5 | A. I don't wanna tell you. | 5 | Q. Who said that she wasn't troubled? |
| 6 | Q. You have to tell me. | 6 | MR. CAVALIER: Daniel |
| 7 | A. I don't know why I have to tell you. | 7 | WIK. CAVALILIK. Daniel |
| 8 | | 8 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 9 | Q. Because it's your deposition. You have to tell me. | 9 | (maistinguishable cross-taik.) |
| 10 | | 10 | MR. CAVALIER: He is directly responding |
| 11 | A. Well, okay. Danny Thomas. | 11 | · · · |
| 12 | Q. You took a witness statement from Danny Thomas? | 12 | to your question. |
| 13 | A. Yeah. | 13 | (Indictinguishable areas talk) |
| 14 | Q. Anybody else? | 14 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 15 | A. Not that I remember. | 15 | THE WITNESS: We have |
| 16 | | 16 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 17 | Q. Okay. So did you review any records that | 17 | |
| 18 | made you determine that everything is a hundred | 18 | Q. Mr. Pipes, who said she wasn't troubled? |
| 19 | percent false regarding Gregg Roman? | 19 | The asking accuse what you just said. |
| 20 | A. Yes. | 20 | A. You're not interrupting me. |
| 21 | Q. What records did you review? | 21 | MR. CAVALIER: You can ask him when he's finished his answer. |
| 22 | A. Electronic records of all sorts, emails, | 22 | |
| 23 | texts. | 23 | MR. CANALIED: No hala not. Clearly |
| 24 | Q. Well, can you think of any specific email | 24 | MR. CAVALIER: No, he's not. Clearly, he's not. |
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| 4 | the allegations were false. He was in the | 4 | troubled? |
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| 6 | middle of an answer, and you cut him off. | 6 | MR. CAVALIER: Seth, I mean, I can't be |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: He said that he talked to | 7 | any more clear with you. |
| | witnesses who said that Lisa wasn't troubled, | | MR. CARSON: Yeah. I'm not gonna be any |
| 8 | and my simple question is, who were they? | 8 | more clear, either. I mean, we're just gonna |
| 9 | MR. CAVALIER: No. You asked him what he | 9 | end up doing this all again tomorrow, I think, |
| 10 | did. He was telling you what he did, and then | 10 | right, or another day, and it's crazy because |
| 11 | you decided to interject and interrupt with a | 11 | it could easily get done today. |
| 12 | new question. You've gotta let him finish his | 12 | MR. CAVALIER: Seth, just because |
| 13 | answer. | 13 | |
| 14 | MR. CARSON: because I wanna know who | 14 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 15 | he spoke to, who these witnesses | 15 | |
| 16 | MR. CAVALIER: Well, you can ask him who | 16 | MR. CAVALIER: Just because you don't like |
| 17 | he spoke to after he's done his answer, but | 17 | the answer to a question doesn't |
| 18 | you're not gonna cut him off in the middle and | 18 | MR. CARSON: I have no problem with the |
| 19 | make his answer look incomplete when he's | 19 | answer, but we're not he's just sitting |
| 20 | answered | 20 | there generally I looked at a lot of |
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| 4 | minutes. | 4 | which, by the way |
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| 9 | know, whatever. | 9 | MR. CARSON: I'm requesting specific documents that I didn't know existed that are |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: We did research, not all by | 10 | |
| | me personally, into electronic communications, | | absolutely responsive to our request that |
| 11 | talking to people who met her. | 11 | weren't produced. |
| 12 | BY MR. CARSON: | 12 | 7. 1 1. 1.1 |
| 13 | Q. Who? | 13 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 14 | A. And also we reviewed the social media. | 14 | |
| 15 | Q. Okay. What accounts? | 15 | THE COURT REPORTER: Stop! Seriously |
| 16 | A. And we looked we talked to people who | 16 | MR. CAVALIER: Responses to your requests |
| 17 | knew her | 17 | are not due yet. |
| 18 | Q. You said that already. | 18 | MR. CARSON: Yeah. My first ones are due |
| 19 | A. No. So we did a lot of research into what | 19 | six months ago. Mr. Pipes |
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| 2 | aftermath of that evening. | 2 | Q. So here you said that he's |
| 3 | Q. And they're from people who were in | 3 | MR. CAVALIER: No. I told you we're not |
| 4 | Israel? | 4 | answering questions about |
| 5 | A. People who were in Israel. | 5 | MR. CARSON: Well, I'm gonna put the |
| 6 | Q. Okay. | 6 | question on the record, and you can object to |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: Okay. Like I said, Jon, you | 7 | it, but we're gonna get an answer to it one |
| 8 | guys gotta turn them over if you have them. | 8 | day. |
| 9 | MR. CAVALIER: You're not getting a | 9 | MR. CAVALIER: Well, for someone who's |
| 10 | dispute from me. I agree with you. They will | 10 | complaining about lack of time |
| 11 | be turned over in due course in accordance | 11 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 12 | with | 12 | Q. "Now, the year is up, and I am pleased to |
| 13 | MR. CARSON: I mean, due course would've | 13 | inform you that he has learned his lesson. I found |
| 14 | been like seven months ago, I think. | 14 | no I have found no fault in his work, and no one |
| 15 | | 15 | on the staff has complained about his actions. |
| 16 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) | 16 | Therefore, I am asking him to begin" [as read] so |
| 17 | | 17 | you see the problem here, right, Mr. Pipes? |
| 18 | MR. CAVALIER: seven months ago that | 18 | MR. CAVALIER: Daniel, do not |
| 19 | didn't exist two weeks ago, but we'll leave | 19 | |
| 20 | that to the discovery practice and the federal | 20 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 21 | rules, as I said. | 21 | |
| 22 | BY MR. CARSON: | 22 | MR. CAVALIER: not to answer any |
| 23 | Q. 968, memo from Mr. Pipes. So, next, we're | 23 | questions about this document |
| 24 | gonna look at we'll get back to this memo. So | 24 | |
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| 3 | did a investigation and you found a hundred percent | 3 | MR. CARSON: Objection, privilege is the |
| 4 | sure, and then here's another one where it says the exact same thing, right, only here it says | 4 | way it works. |
| 5 | MR. CAVALIER: We're now back on a | 5 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 6 | document that you will not let us read in full. | 6 | Q. You went from finding that he learned his |
| 7 | MR. CARSON: This is the whole document. | 7 | lesson to doing a hun a comprehensive |
| 8 | MR. CAVALIER: So let us read it. | 8 | investigation and determining a hundred percent the |
| 9 | MR. CARSON: You can read it. | 9 | allegations are false. Why do you see the |
| 10 | MR. CAVALIER: Yeah. So I don't now | 10 | inherent contradiction in those two statements? |
| 11 | that I recognize this, I don't know why it was | 11 | MR. CAVALIER: Objection. Attorney-client |
| 12 | produced. If it was, it was inadvertent, and | 12 | privilege. Daniel, I am instructing you not to |
| 13 | | 13 | answer any questions about this document. |
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Page 405 Page 407 question right now, or you just objecting --They told you that Gregg was speculating that the 2 MR. CAVALIER: I'm objecting to the fact new allegation for Marnie had to do with Gabrielle Bloom, and it had to do with Marnie and Caitriona's 3 that you're editorializing and not asking a 4 4 question. father, right? 5 5 THE WITNESS: I have no problem answering A. It had to do with the rumor, but I don't 6 to the alleged discrepancy. Jon -know what the reference is to what he might've 7 BY MR. CARSON: thought. I don't remember that. 8 Q. So June 10th, 2019 --Q. But you told Marnie that he's speculating 8 THE WITNESS: Jon, I have no problem 9 that it's about a completely unrelated matter. answering to the alleged discrepancy. 10 A. Yeah, I told him that, but I --MR. CAVALIER: Daniel, you're not 11 11 O. Yeah. answering any questions about a privileged 12 A. Nowhere does it mention Gabrielle Bloom. 12 document. I know that you can answer the 13 Q. But that's what you are referencing, 13 questions, and I know the answers are simple, 14 right? That's the unrelated matter that he's 14 speculating about. but for the sake of the argument and the 15 preservation of the privilege, I cannot allow 16 A. I -- I don't agree to that. 16 Q. You're getting the information from you to answer any questions about it. 17 17 MR. CARSON: He can waive his privilege. Ms. McNulty, correct? 18 18 It's his privilege. He can waive --19 A. I don't -- no, not correct. I --19 MR. CAVALIER: I'm instructing him not to 20 Q. Ms. McNulty sent you an email the same day 20 answer the questions about the document. where she told you about Gregg Roman and Matt's 21 21 22 conversation. So here you're giving Marnie BY MR. CARSON: 22 information about the conversation, but then you're 23 Q. Are you taking your attorney's advice, Mr. denying that it happened on the other side, right? 24 Pipes? Page 406 Page 408 1 A. I have no reason to think this has 1 A. I am. 2 2 Q. Sorry, what? anything to do with Gabrielle Bloom. A. I am, yes. There we go. Rumor was Q. So what did you mean, then? What was the started prior to November 1st. unrelated matter that he was speculating and Q. Right. Because of that, you didn't do concerns [sic]? A. I don't remember what his speculation was. anything about it, right? He got a reprieve for 6 everything that happened pre November 1st. So do It was wrong, whatever it was. you see this right here? 8 Q. We can't hear you. 8 9 9 A. Yup. A. It was wrong, whatever it was. Q. "Marnie, I have just been given news of 10 Q. It wasn't Gabrielle Bloom. It was 10 what appears to be an instance of Gregg's Caitriona Brady, Caitriona Brady's father, and misbehavior that has nothing to do with you. I'd Marnie Meyer, right? like to confront him with what -- with that and also 13 13 A. I believe that the topic of this is the with what you told me last week. So far, I just 14 rumor, yes. told him that you disclosed troubling information to 15 15 Q. Is this when Matt Bennett -- Matt me, but he has no idea what that might be. Indeed, Bennett's employment ended? Marnie Meyer, 16 16 he is speculating that it concerns something 17 3/11/2019? 17 entirely unrelated to what you told me" [as read]. 18 18 A. No. He ended on the 8th. Right? You were talking about how he thought it was 19 Q. So she's telling him, "You're welcome for 19 Gabrielle Bloom, right? 20 the laptop," right? She's telling him he can keep the laptop, right? MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. 21 THE WITNESS: Huh? No. 22 22 A. Yeah. BY MR. CARSON: 23 Q. And the laptop you're referring to was the 23

Apple laptops that everyone was -- that MEF bought

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| 1 | the employees, correct? | 1 | two years, 500; and if you're there for three years, |
| 2 | A. No. | 2 | it's yours. |
| 3 | Q. That's not the laptop? | 3 | Q. But he didn't have to pay anything, right? |
| 4 | A. No. | 4 | He got to keep it? |
| 5 6 | Q. What's the laptop that he's allowed to | 5 | A. No. He had to pay. |
| 7 | keep? | 7 | Q. Well, where'd that money come from? Did |
| 8 | A. The laptop he purchased. | 8 | he give you a check? |
| 9 | Q. He purchased it with MEF money, right? A. Yes. | 9 | MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. |
| 10 | | 10 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 11 | Q. Right, and it was the Apple laptop, right? A. I don't know what make it was. He had | 11 | Q. How'd he pay for it? |
| 12 | | 12 | A. Don't know how he paid for it. I have |
| 13 | Q. Can't hear you.A. I don't know what make it was. He had a | 13 | (Indistinguishable eross talls) |
| 14 | | 14 | (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) |
| 15 | choice to buy whatever laptop [inaudible] Q. Did Matt help facilitate everyone using | 15 | THE WITNESS: We have an accountant for |
| 16 | Macs in 2019? | 16 | that. I didn't deal with |
| 17 | A. I don't know if everybody used Apples. | 17 | BY MR. CARSON: |
| 18 | Some did. I don't know if | 18 | Q. Well, Marnie Meyer was the accountant, |
| 19 | Q. And Matt was permitted to keep his laptop, | 19 | correct? Right? Marnie Meyer? |
| 20 | right? | 20 | A. Yes. |
| 21 | A. He was permitted to keep it on condition | 21 | Q. So if she says that he got it for free, do |
| 22 | that he paid the remainder of what he had what he | 22 | you have a reason to disagree with that? |
| 23 | had the time he wasn't there. | 23 | A. Of course. It's not that's not what |
| 24 | Q. He paid for it? Are you sure about that? | 24 | |
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Deposition of DANIEL PIPES Page 417 BY MR. CARSON: 2 Q. Okay. So, here, Marnie Meyer is sending an email to you, right, Mr. Pipes? A. Yep. Q. "Thanks for allowing me to weigh in on this. The final note I have is regarding the foundations. Matt mentioned a website we used to belong to that would allow us to do research -- to research other foundations. I was interested in playing with that idea and seeing if we could stir 10 11 up additional funds. I was figuring I would work 11 with Marc. I know he's got a lot on his plate and 12 13

- deadlines sometimes always get -- get away from him. 13 I would look to organize things a bit and then try 14 to reuse what he's already created to apply other foundations. Just a thought, but something should
- definitely -- but someone should definitely help him 18 with the timeliness, et cetera" [as read]. Do you remember receiving this email? 19
- A. No. 20

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- O. You don't?
- A. Why would I remember some random email 22 23 from two years ago?
 - Q. I don't know. Do you remember it, yes or

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no?

2 A. No.

- Q. How about -- do you remember responding?
- Q. Meetings with Matt?
- A. No.
- Q. "Tricia: I know that she wants the chance to move up. I also know that, in preparation for her yearly review, she had prepared a spreadsheet to show how she had advanced and the events gig far and beyond what Eman had ever done with it" [as read]. Did you ever interview Eman about Gregg Roman?
 - A. No.
- Q. Why not? 14
 - A. Why should I?
 - Q. Well, people brought it to your attention that Eman had complained about him, right?
 - A. I never heard any.
- 19 Q. You never saw any emails where people brought it to your attention that Eman complained 20 about him? 21
 - A. No. Anyway, the key point is not whether I solved rumors; it's whether Eman herself comes to me and tells me she's got a problem.

Q. I know that's what you think.

A. Which she did not do. I am not gonna spend my entire time tracing down every random

- Q. Yeah. "She was disappointed that she never got the chance to show her stuff. She's disappointed that she did not receive a salary increase," and then I think you say, "She will get one now," correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. So you are copying something that Marnie's telling you, and then you are responding to it, correct?
 - A. Yep. She got a raise.
- Q. Okay. "You mentioned finding her 'standoffish,' and I think that she can" -- this is Marnie to you -- "and I think that she can be as well, but she's an introverted person so much so that she brought that up at her interview. She actually has a great personality, but if you are not around her much, you may not get a chance to see that. My point is that I feel that in time you'll get to know her better and see her as less standoffish and that I think she's earned a shot"

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[as read]. You responded, "She has to show some personality around me to see her beyond the confines of her events at work. For example, since the Matt resignation, I have heard from Lisa and yourself about the current situation, but not from Tricia" [as read]. In fact, Tricia sent you several emails, right, about it?

- A. At this time I don't know.
- Q. Well, we've looked at a bunch of them today, correct?
- A. They were in April and June, if I remember.
 - Q. April, May, and June. Every month.
- A. This is February. I don't remember anything from February.
- Q. Okay. So she never sent you anything before April, May, June?
- A. Anyway, there was not -- I was not asking her to moan about Gregg some more. I was asking her to show some interest and energy about the Forum as a whole, which she didn't do.
- Q. We can skip down. "Lisa and projects: Frankly, I don't think she knows enough yet. ²⁴ Perhaps with time. So I will suggest to her that

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she take part in the project conference calls, be cc'd on correspondence, and so forth. But, for now, it's best to stick with Gregg. As you may recall, with only one exception, all five other directors, when asked in November, said they are fine working with him, and the sixth had mild problems" [as

- A. No. That was me writing.
- Q. What'd you say? This is you writing now?
- A. It's me, yeah. I think --
- Q. And then who's this?

read]. So your response was --

- A. Judging by the purple, that's Marnie. 12
 - Q. Okay. So is it correct that Marnie is the purple, and you're the black in these --

(Indistinguishable cross-talk.)

BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Sorry?

A. It's the logic of this, yes. I don't remember it, but looking at it now, yeah.

Q. So Marnie says, "My thoughts are not so much as who likes him or who doesn't, but that it 23 would be natural for his work with the c4 to take

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precedence over his work with the c3." And you said, "See above on this." "I do see him in what you see -- I do see in him what you see, that he's creative and has a lot of great ideas, but I believe the focus that he does gives to the projects and the c3 will mostly be centered around him" [as read]. Who's "him" there? Is that Gregg Roman?

- A. Presumably.
- 9 Q. And up here, you wrote, "I expect it will be largely or wholly the c4, but the c4 is a derivative of the c3. Without the c3, it is nothing. So Gregg understands he needs to help out. 13 Also, this justifies his high salary." So what do you mean when you said that the c4 is a derivative 14 15 of the c3?
 - A. Without the c3, it is nothing.
- Q. The c4 wouldn't exist without the c3. 17
- 18 A. Right.
 - Q. They're related, correct?
- 20 A. No.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form.

22 BY MR. CARSON:

Q. Well, what does that mean? If one is -if one can't exist without the other, doesn't that mean that they're related by definition?

A. No.

MR. CAVALIER: Object to form. BY MR. CARSON:

- Q. I'm asking you, what does it mean?
- A. It means that the c4 requires a c3, but it's a separate organization legally and organizationally. Gregg was gonna be there without any staff whatsoever. All the staff was gonna remain at the c3. He would be at the c4, but he would be asked to help with fundraising for the -and other activities for the c3 on a friendly basis.
- Q. What does it mean that c4 is a derivative of c3?
- A. I just wrote it. Without the c3, it is nothing. You have to have the c3 to justify the c4.
- Q. Is that a legal thing? You're not allowed to have a c4 without a c3?
- A. Effectively, you can't have a c4 without a c3. People who like the c3, who like what we're doing, who have money that they are giving to political candidates will -- who know who we are, who know what we stand for will give to the c4 because they're confident of who we are and what we

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stand for. If they didn't know who we were and what we stood for, they would never give money to the c4.

- Q. Mr. Pipes, I don't know the answers to these questions. I'm asking, like, if I wanted to go open a c4, can I do that, or do I have to open a c3 first?
- A. You can do it, but you won't have any takers because nobody knows who you are politically and what you stand for and who you're gonna give money to, who you're gonna support, whereas --
 - Q. So --
- A. -- Forum has a profile, is known, and therefore, if you like what the Middle East Forum is doing, then the c4 is a way for you to entrust your money because you don't follow -- you, the donor, don't follow politics that closely, and you entrust it to someone at a c4 who does follow it closely and can figure out which races are important and which ones are not and the like.
- Q. So the c3 -- I'm sorry -- the c4 that Mr. -- that you guys were considering starting was going to be connected to the Middle East Forum c3?
 - A. No, not gonna be connected.
 - "Without the c3, it is nothing." I guess

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MR. CARSON: I mean, if you guys really

are gonna bounce out at exactly seven hours, I

mean, I'm telling you right now, I'm gonna --

it's gonna be an issue with me because I gave

you guys eight and a half hours with Lisa.

Page 425 Page 427 1 I just don't understand what you mean. MR. CAVALIER: Well, I don't think that's 2 A. I just explained. 2 correct, but, I mean --3 Q. What's the -- go ahead. 3 MR. CARSON: It is correct. A. If you have -- in other words, if the --4 4 MR. CAVALIER: To the extent we're going a if we go to potential donors and say, hi, you like 5 minute beyond 6:53 -- which I'm not saying the c3. You give money to the c3. Now, do you have 6 we're gonna do -- we're gonna need a another pot of money, not tax-deductible, that you 7 representation from you that the remaining time give to candidates? Give some of it to us, and 8 that you have is extraordinarily short. If you 9 we'll direct it towards the campaigns -- not wanna go for another five minutes in lieu of 10 candidates, but campaigns -- that you will like filing your motion, maybe we can make an because you like what we do, and we can do it 11 agreement, but if you're just going on 11 because we're specialized. We know the ins and outs 12 willy-nilly until you feel like stopping, we're of these campaigns in a way you don't. So rather 13 not doing that. 13 than you bumble around, giving away money you're not 14 BY MR. CARSON: 14 quite sure where to give it, give it to us, and we 15 Q. Why did you say it didn't say it was the know what to do with it. derivative, because it said the c4 is a derivative 16 16 Q. So who does the money go to, the c4 or the of the c3, right? c3? 18 18 A. I've explained it twice. Yes. A. Some money goes -- tax-deductible money Q. So the c3 that you're referencing there is 19 19 goes to the c3, and non-tax-deductible money goes to 20 the Middle East Forum, correct? 20 the c4. 21 A. Yes. 21 22 Q. So can you read this real quick, please? Q. But the rule is that donations to a c4 are 22 taxable, and donations to a c3 are not? 23 23 This will be my last question. 24 A. Correct, as far as I understand it. A. Make it larger. Who is this to who? 24 Page 426 Page 428 Q. Okay. So the c4 that you guys were 1 Q. So I'll represent to you these are 1 considering opening was gonna be a derivative of the messages that you produced that are text messages Middle East Forum, though, correct? That's what you between you and Marnie Meyer. Can you hear where meant by that? she says that Gregg told Matt that he could destroy 5 A. I believe it's 6:50, and I'm done. Daniel Pipes? Did you ever talk to Gregg about 6 6 Q. My question's pending. The c4 that you that? guys were considering starting was going to be a 7 A. No, I didn't. I told you I don't -- I derivative of the Middle East Forum; is that -didn't take Matt's rumor mongering seriously. He was engaged in so much of this. It reminded me of 9 MR. CAVALIER: I'm gonna object to form. "A derivative" is not what the document said. 10 another instance, and this is --10 MR. CARSON: What'd it say? 11 Q. Okay. Here she says Gregg -- she says she 11 just found out that Delaney was afraid to use the 12 THE WITNESS: It's 6:50 p.m., and I 13 believe I'm done. ladies' room because he would use the TV in his office to count how many times a day Eman went to 14 15 the ladies' room. So that's why I asked if you ever 15 (Indistinguishable cross-talk.) 16 spoke to Eman. 16 17 A. No, I didn't speak to Eman about this. If 17 THE WITNESS: What'd you say, Jon? she had a problem with it, she could've come to me. 18 MR. CAVALIER: 6:53. 18 19 This is rumor mongering. 19 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.

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| 2 | Q. The last question is, is the money that | |
| 3 | you're talking about here the health insurance? | |
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| 9 | Q. Yeah. I don't know either. That's why | |
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| 12 | Q. The gross is well, I guess we can ask | |
| 13 | Marnie. All right, whatever. It's 6:54. I'm done. | |
| 14 | That was easy, right, Mr. Pipes? | |
| 15 | A. Oh, yeah. | |
| 16 | THE COURT REPORTER: All right. We off | |
| 17 | the record? | |
| 18 | MR. CAVALIER: No questions from me. | |
| 19 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 6:55 p.m. | |
| 20 | Eastern Time. We are now off the record. | |
| 21 | Thank you, Counsels. | |
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| Slack (2) | $\begin{array}{c c} \mathbf{spent} & (3) \\ \mathbf{spew} & (1) \end{array}$ | stole (11) | supervisee (3) |
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